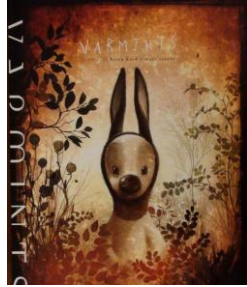




Topic Title: Varmints
Class: Morpurgo
Term: Spring 1



Key Texts

Key texts we will be using this term:

- *Varmints* by Helen Ward and Marc Craste

Key Questions

Things we will be finding out from our topic:

- What is an environment?
- How can we care for our local environment?
- Is all change to our environment bad?
- Whose responsibility is it to look after the environment?
- Why is the Mosque important to Muslims?

English

We will be learning to:

- Write persuasively to people in authority about caring for our world
- Create a story with a meaning, that shows how we can look after our environment
- Improve our vocabulary through use of dictionaries and thesauruses
- Show our understanding of a range of different texts
- Use different texts for different purposes

RE

We will be learning to:

- Discover what a 'community' is
- Explore the Muslim teaching of Ummah
- Ask how the community of a Mosque helps Muslims live
- Compare a Mosque to a synagogue and a church
- Compare the roles of men and women in the Muslim community

Maths

We will be learning to:

- Practise our times tables facts up to 12 x 12
- Use factors and multiples to help us with multiplying and dividing
- Learn different methods to help us multiply and divide accurately
- Calculate the area of a range of shapes
- Understand what fractions are and work out fractions of a shape

Active and Creative Learning

How will we be getting active and creative?

- In PE we will be learning about the skills and tactics involved in invasion games – this term netball
- During our indoor PE session Ms Edmunds from Bartholomew will be working with us on gymnastics
- In Art we will be using a range of materials to re-create artwork from our class text
- In computing we will be creating and recording our own news reports about the environment

Science

We will be learning to:

- Answer 'What is a living thing?' and 'What is an environment?'
- Classify living things in a variety of ways
- Discover what living things can be found in our local environment
- Consider what changes are happening to the environment
- Understand how changes to the environment can be both good and bad

Inspiring Learning ideas

Planned activities:

- In Science we will classify living things from our local environment
- In English we will debate ways in which we can care for our planet
- In Maths we will use different food to calculate fractions of shapes!
- In RE we will be visiting a Mosque to understand its importance to people of the Muslim faith