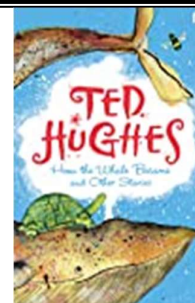


Year 3

How The Whale Became



English

This half term the children will be using the book 'How The Whale Became', which provides a fun explanation of how different creatures were created. We will focus on the story and analyse it to understand the pattern so we that we can plan and write our own version. This version will involve the children identifying a sea creature of their choosing and creating a story which follows the original. Children will be learning about: prepositions, adverbs, paragraphs, speech and time conjunctions.

The second part of the half term will be looking at non-fiction texts. We will be using a book called I Wonder Why the Sea is Salty. This will explore facts and information using rhetorical questions, with the children creating their own I Wonder Why... Book.

The children will be looking at tenses and the layout of non-fiction texts, how this differs to fiction texts and why.

Maths

Children will be learning how to use a written method to multiply. They will start by looking at making it ten times bigger before moving on to column multiplication. Afterwards, we will move on to exploring division by using pictorial representations for each place value before sharing it into equal groups. This will consolidate the pupils understanding of regrouping one lot of ten for ten ones. They will also start to look at the idea of remainders. Year three will then move onto solving problems set in a real life context which require scaling up, multiplication and fractions. Here children will use the bar model to help organise their strategic approach and to deepen their understanding of the question. The three, four- and eight-times tables will feature across most questions.

Science, Geography and History

Science

Key Questions:
 What is light?
 What is reflection?
 How can light be dangerous?
 What is a shadow?
 Why are some shadows bigger than others?
 What do we know about light and shadows?

Geography

Key Questions:
 What is the water cycle?
 What are the two main water biomes?
 What are the 5 world oceans?
 What are the 5 world seas?
 What is a wetland biome?
 What is the continental shelf and what grows in a coastal biome?
 What are the causes and effects of water pollution?
 What is flooding and what is its effect on an area?

Art

We will be looking at cyanotype printing this half term to make under the sea pictures.

Technology

Children will be considering what is needed to make a bag for a Polar Explorer. This will continue after half term where they will make their own bag.

Computing

We begin by looking at databases and using them to sort information. Then pupils will be using PowerPoint to make their own E-book.

PE

Athletics – The children will work on their running, jumping and throwing skills.
 Hockey – We will begin by looking at how we can control the ball and pass into space. Then we will learn how to stop and control the ball when challenged.

PSHE

Children will be learning about their own bodies. They will look at body parts and how to keep themselves healthy.

RE

The children will be thinking about 'Is it fair?' in relation to life for other children around the world. They will also find out about the work of different charities.

Music

We will be finding out about reggae music using the song 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley.

Languages

The children will continue to develop their basic French language skills by learning about: the days of the week, colours, numbers to 20 and beginning to express likes and dislikes.

Learning Values

Motivation

Pupils will be writing their own How the ____ became story

Responsibility

Learning how to be responsible for our planet by reducing pollution in water.

Collaboration

Pupils will be working in groups to create and evaluate their own games in PE.

Perseverance

Pupils will be persevering when they learn methods to divide

Discovery

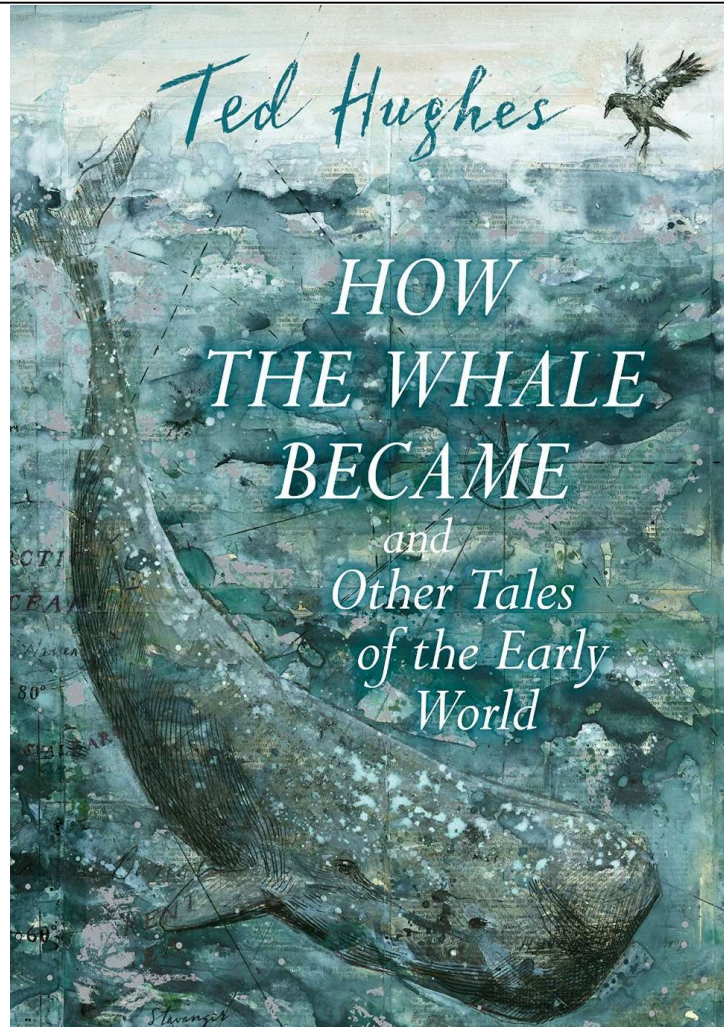
Children will be discovering a new technique of printing in their Art lessons.

Growth Mindset

We will be looking at ways that we can show a growth mindset when faced with a challenge

How The Whale Became

by Ted Hughes



These are richly told tales of sparkling intensity about animals finding their form, and God's struggle to understand what he has created. Meet the Whale, growing in God's garden beside the carrots.

Other Recommended Reads Linked To This Theme:

Other Tales by Ted Hughes – How the Tortoise Became, How The Polar Became.
Once Upon a Raindrop by James Carter and Nomoco
The Coral Kingdom by Laura Knowles and Jennie Webber