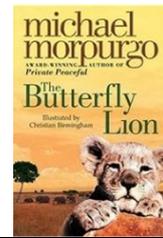


# Year 4

## Arid Africa



### English

This term the children will be studying the text *The Butterfly Lion*. We will be using this text to create a discussion text giving arguments for and against lions performing in circuses. The book will encourage children to create their own opinions based on the narrative and it will allow for an interesting debate to take place. It also links to the main topic for this half term as one of the main characters, Bertie, was born in South Africa.

Following this, we will be creating a sequel to the story about the main character in the book, Michael, when he is older. This will give the opportunity for children to use their imaginations and complete some creative writing.

Our guided reading sessions will focus on a range of non-fiction and fiction texts that are all about Africa.

### Maths

Linking back to year 3 we will continue to deepen our understanding of time at the start of half term. We will then explore units of measurement and conversion of these measurements to estimate and calculate problems.

The children will then work with discrete and continuous data (graphs) where they will apply their understanding of division and scales. Continuing with measurements, the children will then focus on perimeter at the end of half term.

Throughout this time, the children's learning will be underpinned by the year 3 curriculum to support their development through the year 4 curriculum. We will be using mastery to secure their knowledge and develop a deeper understanding.

### Science and Geography

#### Science

##### Living Habitats

What lives within our school grounds?  
 How can we group things?  
 What is living in our local area?  
 How can we change habitats to attract different animals?  
 What is a classification key?  
 Can we help Priory classify?

#### History / Geography

##### Arid Africa

What is a desert and where are they found?  
 What is Africa and what countries make up Africa?  
 What are the human and physical features of an African country? Why do people visit there?  
 What can survive in the Sahara desert?  
 What is the climate like in Africa?  
 How are people's lifestyles in Africa different to that of the UK?  
 How is Africa different to St Neots?

#### Art and DT

##### African Art and Torches

The children will be creating their own art pieces inspired by African art work. They will also be putting their circuit skills from last term to good use by making torches.

#### Computing

##### Creating a Game

The children will be blogging. They will also be using iMovie to improve their moving making skills by creating mystery movies.

#### PE

##### Dance and Net Games

The children will be doing dance with a focus on the hakka and creating a dance linking to this.  
 They will also be improving their skills with net games.

#### PSHE

Children will be learning the difference between rights and responsibilities. The importance of rules and how democratic decisions are made in school.

#### RE

In R.E. the children will be looking at the **symbolism in light** throughout different religions. This will include the festival of Diwali.

#### Music

The children will be learning to play the African djembe drums.

#### Languages

##### French

The children will be learning about the months of the year, body parts, counting up to 31 and clothes.

### Learning Values

#### Aspiration

We will read good examples of discussion texts so we know what we can aspire to.

#### Responsibility

The children will be responsible for the local environments, including looking at insects and taking care of habitats.

#### Collaboration

Taking part in rich, collaborative debates to generate ideas for our discussion writing in English.

#### Perseverance

The children will face challenges as they create their torches and will need to show skills of perseverance to finish making a working torch.

#### Discovery

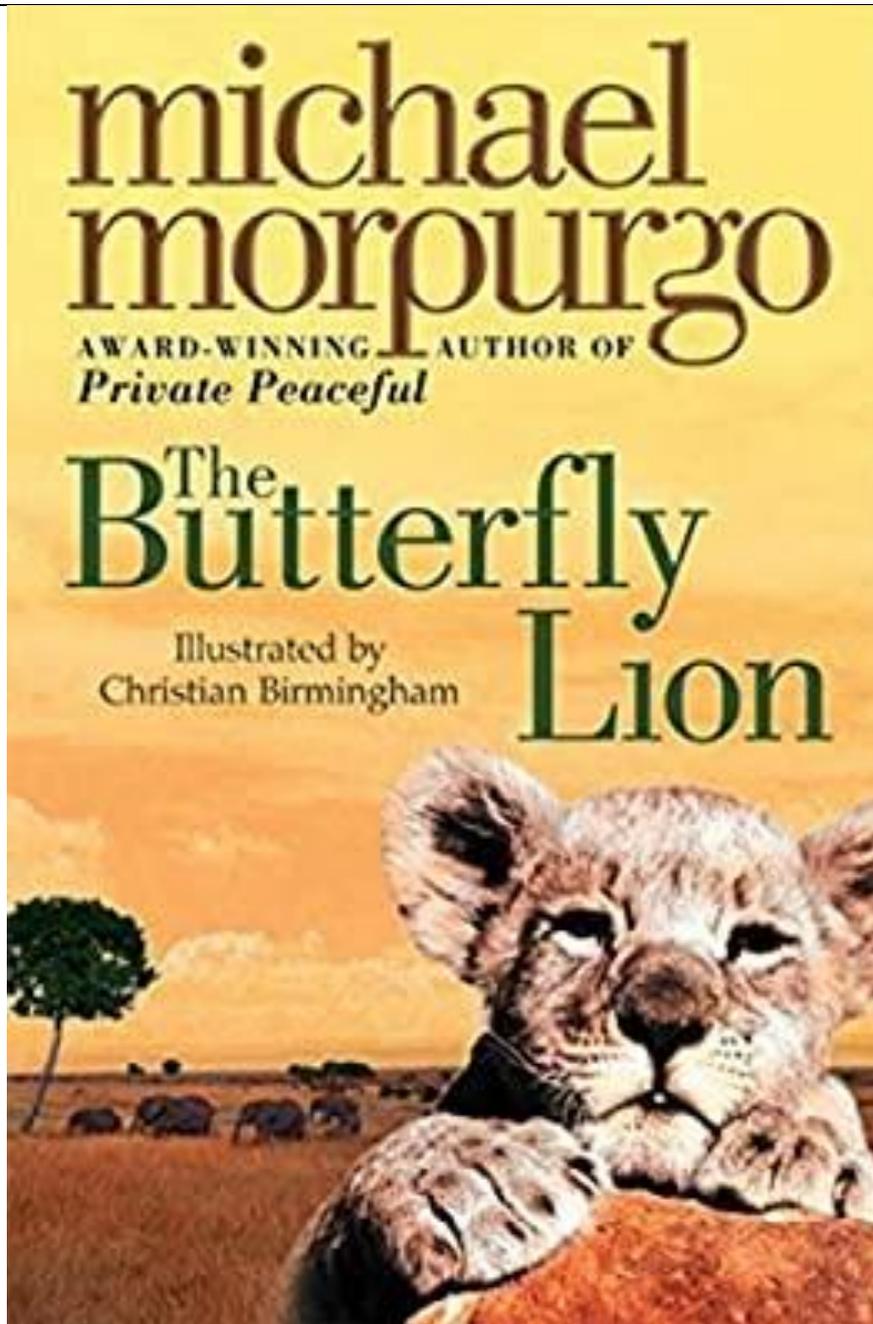
The children will be discovering what lives in our local area and how we can further attract wildlife to the area.

#### Growth Mindset

The children will be developing their resilience in their learning and their approach to constructive criticism – looking at how mistakes can help us become better learners.

# The Butterfly Lion

by Michael Morpurgo



Michael, a young boy from England, hates living at boarding school. Until one day, he decides it would be a great idea to escape! Whilst on his mission to get back home, he bumps into a mysterious old lady, who invites him into her home. She begins to tell him a fascinating story and he is gripped by every single word.

She tells him the story of a young boy, named Bertie, who rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African bush as a young boy. They remain inseparable until Bertie has to go away to boarding school and the lion is sold to a circus. Years later Bertie and the lion are reunited...

### **Other Recommended Reads Linked To This Theme:**

The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips by Michael Morpurgo

Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

Why the Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo

