

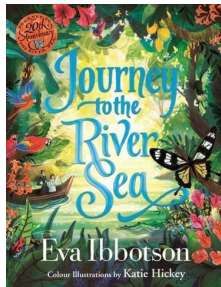
Aslan Class

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English

This term we will use the book 'Journey To The River Sea', by Eva Ibbotson. We will use these to write a recount, a persuasive letter and an explanation text related to the rainforest.



History

Our focus this term is on Early Islamic Civilizations as well as the main question: **What was the impact of the Early Islamic Civilizations on trade and religious belief?**

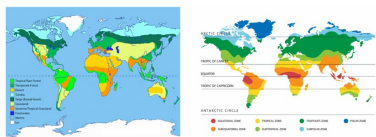


We will focus on Baghdad in the 13th Century and the impact of the Silk Road on trade and the spread of Islam.

Geography

Our focus this term is on the main question:

What is a biome and how are they affected by the climate?



We will learn about various biomes; in particular focusing on the tropical biome and its climate.

Welcome Back!

Class Teacher: Mr Burbeck

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Holden

We hope you have enjoyed seeing the work that we have been learning in Aslan Class last term. We are really excited about continuing to share wonderful learning adventures with you. Please feel free to catch either of us after school at the end of the day if you have any questions or just want a chat.



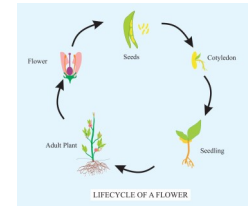
Reading



During reading comprehension lessons (VIPERS), the children will work on improving their vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising skills. They will build on these to help them to analyse and discuss texts, and answer comprehension questions. Your child will be issued a banded-book, which will be sent home daily for their home reading. This book is also required for accelerated reader tests as well as short reading breaks during the day, so please ensure your child brings this into school each day.

Science

This term, we will learn about living things and their habitats. We will also focus on life cycles, reproduction in mammals and plants.



Maths

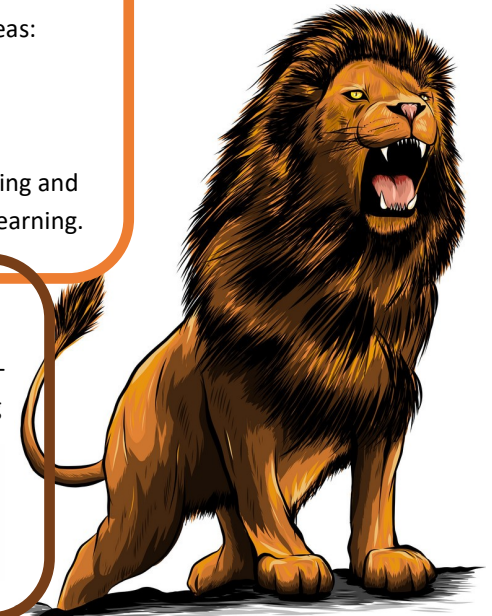
This term, we will be focusing on the following main areas:

- Perimeter & Area
- Statistics
- Shape
- Position & Direction

As part of this we will be using manipulatives, problem solving and creating real life scenarios in the classroom to support the learning.

PE

Year 5 PE will be back to two days a week—Tuesday and Thursday. We will be focusing on athletics (running, jumping and throwing) as well as cricket (bowling, batting and fielding).

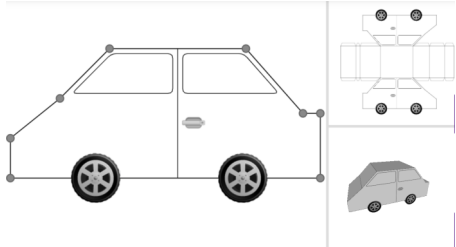


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Computing



This term, we will be using Purple Mash to design a 3D model for a purpose.

Design & Technology

Researching and modifying a traditional Bolognese sauce recipe to improve the nutritional value before then cooking an adapted version and creating packaging that fits a given design criteria. Learning where beef comes from.



PSHE

In PSHE, we will continue learning about how drugs common to everyday life can affect our health. We will consider the impact that medicine, alcohol and drugs can have on our life in a range of ways.



French

Identifying the infinitive form of verbs and subject pronouns, grouping French verbs & learning that there are regular and irregular verbs.



RE

We will focus on the following question:
What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God?
We will consider this in relation to the meaning of commitment.



Music



This term, we will focus on the David Bowie & Mick Jagger song— Dancing In The Street. We will learn about the genre and appraise various songs, whilst also practicing the song for a performance to the school at the end of the half term.

Homework

This year, homework will be set using Purple Mash. Homework will consist of English and Maths skills based on what we have been learning that week. I will also be setting work related to the topic.

Due: **Thursday** of each week.
Work Set: **Friday** of each week.

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Art

Investigating the built environment through drawing and printmaking. Pupils learn about the work of architect Zaha Hadid, create their own building designs, present research on the artist Hundertwasser and explore ideas behind the symbolism of monument design.

