



YEAR 4 LEARNING MAP

Extraordinary Explorers: Breaking Boundaries

Welcome to the world of Extraordinary Explorers! Go where you have never been before! Take a trip through history and follow in the footsteps of the greatest explorers – we will be sailing the seven seas venturing to the four corners of the world as we learn about explorers from all walks of life!

What is an explorer? Could you survive extreme conditions? What would you bring with you? Would you be able to live to tell the tale like Shackleton did? Through specialist guidance the children will develop their survival skills – if you ever find yourself in a sticky situation, these will be the children to have on your side!

TERM 2 - 2019-2020
WATERFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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English

The children will be immersed in the fantastical action adventure story, Brightstorm.

By writing their own adventure stories, the children will become increasingly confident in using a range of sentence structures and will bring their writing to life through their use of description.

In reading children will develop their understanding of character. *Not to mention be visited by Vashti Hardy the author of Brightstorm!*

Key Text Highlights

Brightstorm by Vashti Hardy
Alistair Humphreys' Great Adventurers

Maths

The children will be consolidating and developing their knowledge of division and multiplication and exploring the law of commutativity and extending their ability to use known facts to work out unknown ones.

The newly installed IT suite will continue facilitate the use of technology through 'Times Table Rockstars' and a whole host of maths tools and games.

As mathematicians, the children will continue to apply their knowledge of number to different areas of measurement.

PSHCE

In Year 4 we will be focussing on relationships between people and understanding how to build positive ones with others.

The children will continue to develop their ability to discuss and debate issues, and the importance of valuing and understanding the opinions of others.

The Arts

This term, the children will be discovering the skill of weaving by using their own individual looms.

Children will follow this by studying the inspiration of famous Explore- Artists such as Monet, Seurat, Gogh and Kandinsky.

Musical composition will culminate in our Year 3-4 concert inspired by the Spring.

Computing

The children will be introduced to the introduction unit of Purple Mash which will help the children with their ability to problem solve, debug and code.

We will also be focusing on using technology safely, responsibly and respectfully.

Science

As Scientists, we will be studying and grouping various materials and investigating how they may change state when they are heated or cooled.

We will be linking this learning to our topic and justifying why explorers chose to use certain materials based on their properties.

Humanities

Geography

Children will be encouraged to pose their own questions about the physical and human features of the world. We want the children to view the environment in a way that they have never done before.

History

As historians the children will be researching and learning about the world's greatest explorers. Through this research they will understand the significance of these key figures and their impact on world history.

RE

We will be discussing the question, 'Is it possible for everyone to be happy?' through exploration of the Buddhist religion.

Languages

The children will continue to develop their knowledge of the Spanish language.