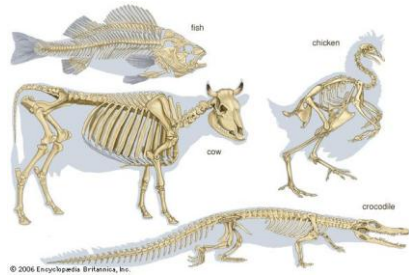




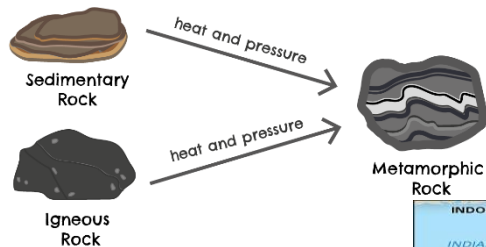
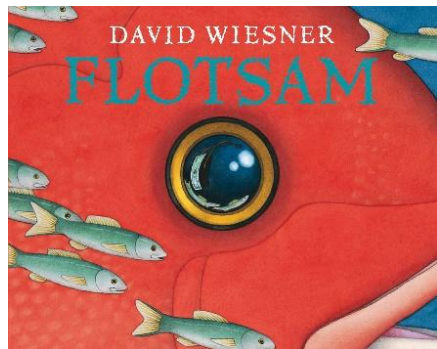
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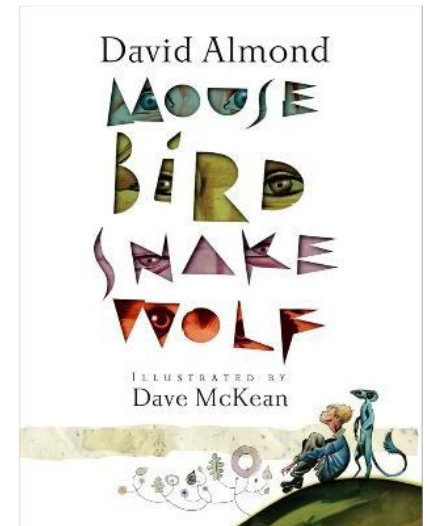
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Dear Parents & Carers,

We are excited for the term ahead and all that your child will explore. Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating and practising both their independent and teamwork skills, through all curriculum areas.

English: The children will be developing their writing skills as we delve into the book with no words: 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner. The children will also explore 'Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf' where they will practise descriptive language, writing balanced arguments and poetry. We will then touch on a non-fiction topic as we research and write a non-chronological report about minibeasts and their habitats, using subheadings and factual information.



Maths: Your child will start the term looking at place value, after which we will be moving on to addition and subtraction. We will focus on the 3 times table this term and will also focus on mental maths through the daily CLIC programme.

Topic: Our Autumn term 1 topic is 'Oceania'. We will look at the Great Barrier Reef and explore why it is widely considered as one of the natural wonders of the world. Autumn term 2 is focused on our inquiry theme 'seven worlds, one planet'. We will be looking at the destructive powers of nature, from volcanoes and earthquakes to tsunamis and tornadoes. Through discussion and practical tasks, children will learn about how and why these natural phenomena occur, and the ways in which they affect people and the environment.

Science: In Autumn term 1 children will learn about 'Scientific Enquiry'. This unit focuses on questioning, investigation and predictions. We will be conducting a range of different experiments including making solar ovens to see how fast chocolate will melt, finding the most effective method for cleaning coins and changing different variables when baking a cake to test the outcomes!

Art: Children will be developing their drawing skills by using their observation skills to describe specific shapes, textures or patterns in objects. Shading with a reasonable degree of accuracy and skill following the four shading rules. Using simple shapes to sketch the basis of their drawing before using lines and marks to add detail and texture and much more.

RE: We will be learning about the Bible and its importance in Christianity before focusing on Remembrance and Incarnation.

PE: will be on every **Monday**. We will be focusing on invasion team games this term. Children will be developing different skills including building their stamina and working together as a team.

Italian: We have a teacher from the Italian Consulate helping the children learn this half term.

Ms Williams, Ms Colling & Ms Dennison