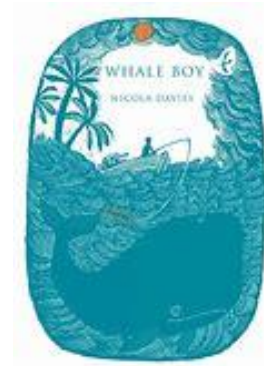


Year 3/4 Curriculum Information

Spring 2



PE/Outdoor Learning/Library

Outdoor Learning: Koalas and Zebras will have Outdoor Learning this half term on a **Wednesday** afternoon. The first week will be Zebras.

PE: Owls and Turtles will have PE on Wednesday & Friday.

Zebras and Koalas will have PE on Monday & Thursday.

Library: Koalas, Zebras, Turtles and Owls will have Library sessions on a Tuesday.

Homework:

Maths: Times-Tables Rockstars which will be checked weekly to see how children are progressing.

Children should be reading their reading book every day and recording this on their bookmarks or reading record books.

English

The text we will enjoy reading as a class is *Whale Boy* by Nicola Davies.

We will start the half term by applying our theme knowledge to writing a diary entry on an animal living in a river.

Then, we will be looking at the book *The Wind In the Willows* by Kenneth Graeme to create opposing setting descriptions within the story. We will also be writing part of a narrative including direct speech based on this story.

Please record any reading done at home on your child's bookmark by initialling on it and writing the date.

Maths

The Year 3 units which will be covered include:

The Year 4 units which will be covered include:

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Science

Forces and magnets

- Magnets exert attractive and repulsive forces on each other.
- Magnets exert non-contact forces, which work through some materials.
- Magnets attract certain materials.
- Magnetic forces are affected by: magnet strength, object mass, distance from object, and object material.

Theme

Rivers and the Amazon River

Rivers and The Amazon River

- ① The **source** of the river usually starts in the mountains. Water comes out of the ground in a **spring**.

RIVER FEATURES

- ② In the **upper course**, the **stream** rushes down steep slopes and **channels** with very little water in it.

- ③ In the **middle course**, other streams join the main stream. It becomes a **river**, with more water in it, and starts to flow more slowly.

- ④ In the **lower course**, the river is wider and has more water in it. It flows very slowly.

- ⑤ At the **mouth** of the river, the fresh water joins the salty seawater. This is an **estuary**.

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The Amazon River

The Amazon is the mightiest river in South America. It carries more water than any other river. It is about 4,000 miles (6,400 kilometers) long. Only the Nile River in Africa is longer. The Amazon begins in the Andes Mountains in Peru. From there it flows north and then east through Brazil. It empties into the Atlantic Ocean. The Amazon drains about one third of South America. This area includes most of Brazil and Peru and parts of Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia, and Venezuela. Surrounding the Amazon River is the world's largest rainforest.



Key Vocabulary:

river, source, mouth, course, meander, upper course, middle course, lower course, erosion, deposition, current, oxbow lake, estuary, delta, water cycle, flooding, Amazon, South America

Further Information:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/z7w8pg8>

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