Learning Planner

Year 2 Autumn Term 1

Does it always rain in Stoke-on-Trent?

This Autumn, Year 2 will be exploring 'Does it always rain in Stoke-on-Trent?'

The children will be looking at the chanaina seasons and how weather affects our local environment!

Connect & Wonder

We are going to visit Tanglewood to explore the varied landscape of Cannock Chase. Whilst there, we will be identifying how we know that Autumn is approaching.

For the Love of Reading

Our story to inspire is 'The Tin Forest':

In the middle of a windswept wasteland full of discarded scrap metal lives a sad and lonely, old man. In spite of his gloomy surroundings, he dreams every night of a lovely forest full of trees, birds, and animals. When he finds a broken light fixture that looks like a flower, his imagination is sparked. He begins to build a tin forest, branch by branch, creature by creature. In time, real birds arrive, bearing seeds, and soon the artificial forest is taken over by living vines and animals until it looks just like the forest of the old man's dreams.

Investigate & Construct

Science: What are living things? (Biology)
Linked to our visit to Tanglewood we are going to be identifying the different habitats that we see in our local area. We will also be classifying plants and animals and their basic needs.

Geography: Does it always rain in Stoke-on Trent?
Throughout this unit of work we are going to be looking at the weather and the typical weather within each season. We will see what weathers children are already aware of and then observe the changes in our weather. Also, we will be comparing our weather with other major cities in the UK and further afield.

D&T: How do wheels make movement?
We will be looking at how wheels work by challenging ourselves to find the best design for a wheel and how to attach this to a moving model.

PSHE: What makes a good friend?
We will link this unit to our current text 'The Tin Forest'. We will be discussing the feelings of loneliness and ways in which we can make and be a good friend.

Computing
We will start our year by recapping the skills taught in Year 1 and applying these using iPads.

R.E.: What is the good news Christians believe Jesus brings?
We will look at Jesus and the good news he brings for Christians.

Express & Reflect

Tanglewood

Weather reporter

Tin Forest drama (School Forest)

Key Vocabulary

windswept	loneliness
sifting	emptiness
exotic	moonlight
sprouted	mingled
emerged	shadow
forest	rustle