Learning Planner

Year 2 Topic 1

Does it always rain in Stoke-on-Trent?

During this topic we will find out about the weather in Meir, Stoke on Trent and the rest of the United Kingdom. We will look at weather symbols, record the weather and create a weather forecast of our own.

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.

Science- We will find out about living things- what are they and how do they survive. We will look at the habitats of animals and will visit Tanglewood to look at actual habitats and make some of our own.

DT- We will become designers and after investigating how wheels move will design a vehicle with moving parts, complete with an axel.

PSHE- A perfect topic to start the school year with- What makes a good friend? Exploring friendships and qualities that we want in a friend.

Computing- We will explore what input and output means and identify equipment to see if they are input or output.

RE- What is the good news that Jesus brings to Christians? We will explore the Christian faith and Christina celebrations.

Express & Reflect

Tanglewood

Weather reporter

Tin Forest drama (School Forest)

Key Vocabulary

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