

**English:**

Class Novel: Kensuke's Kingdom

Michael Morpurgo presents a gripping tale in "Kensuke's Kingdom," rich with poignant details that unravel the story of a young boy's survival on a remote island. Set against the backdrop of the vast Pacific Ocean, this narrative delves into themes of resilience, friendship, and the innate connection between humans and nature.

The story follows Michael, a young boy who embarks on a sailing adventure with his family around the world. However, tragedy strikes when a storm separates him from his parents, leaving him stranded on a deserted island. Alone and facing the challenges of survival, Michael encounters Kensuke, a mysterious Japanese man who has made the island his home. As they form an unlikely bond, Michael learns about Kensuke's past and the reasons for his solitude.

"Kensuke's Kingdom" is an exploration of the human spirit against the backdrop of nature's unforgiving beauty. Through Michael's journey, readers are invited to contemplate themes of friendship, cultural understanding, and the importance of empathy.

The overarching objectives of this teaching sequence are:

- To engage with a captivating narrative set in a unique environment.
- To analyse the characters' motivations and actions, delving into their emotional depth.
- To explore the central themes woven throughout the narrative, such as resilience, friendship, and cultural differences.
- To encourage creative responses to the story, fostering imaginative thinking. To facilitate discussions and debates on relevant topics raised within the narrative, such as survival, solitude, and the impact of human actions on the environment.

Computing-Animated Stories:

This unit builds on the previous unit in Year 4 (Questions and Quizzes) using Scratch to build and edit algorithms for simple games. The unit is designed to help children develop their skills in writing their own algorithms as well as editing and debugging existing codes.

Maths:

- Unit 6: Fractions (2)
- U7-Multiplication and division (2)
- U8-Fractions (3)
- U9-Decimals and percentages

PSHE: Aiming High

In this unit of work, children will focus on achievements, aspirations and opportunities. They will start by discussing achievements they have accomplished so far and the type of attitude that helps us succeed. They will also learn about their own personal preferred learning styles, to understand how they learn best. Children will look at challenges people face and barriers to success, then think about strategies we can use to overcome such obstacles. They will identify opportunities that are available to them now and those which may be available to them in the future. Stereotypes in the world of work will be addressed, as children are encouraged to consider jobs they would like to do and the skills needed to do those jobs. The children will also have the opportunity to reflect on their personal goals and the steps they can take to achieve these in the future.

Suggested Enrichment:

Engage in a Family Tudor Night, embark on a Tudor Reading Adventure, enjoy a Historical Movie Night, explore Virtual Tudor Tours, collaborate on a Tudor Family Tree Project, bond over Cooking Tudor Delicacies, participate in Tudor Art and Craft Sessions, construct an Interactive Timeline, and plan visits to Visit Local Heritage Sites.

Reading:

Linked to our novel, consisting of a weekly structure:
New vocabulary, Summarising, questioning, explaining, predicting & comprehension.

Science:

- Animals including humans
- Life cycles

Music:

Unit 1 – How Does Music Bring Us Together?
Unit 2 – How Does Music Connect Us with Our Past?

Discover History Inquiry

Pupils will embark on an engaging exploration of the Tudor period, a significant era in British history. The focus will be on the reign of Henry VIII and his impact on the nation, including his marriages and the establishment of Hampton Court. The program aims to provide a chronological understanding of key events such as the Battle of Bosworth and the War of the Roses, highlighting their influence on the Tudor dynasty. Students will also delve into Tudor art and portraiture, deciphering the symbolism and cultural expressions of the time. Through this journey, the goal is to foster a nuanced comprehension of the Tudor period and its lasting contributions to the historical tapestry of the United Kingdom.

PE- Dance and Gymnastics

- Develop flexibility, strength technique control and balance
- Perform dances using a range of movement patterns.