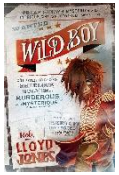
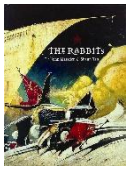
What are Maple Class learning in Term 2?

English

Extended Read
Wild Boy
Rob Lloyd Jones





Class Read
The Rabbits
John Marsden

Character Development – Exploring how characters are represented through actions, dialogue, and symbolism.
Grammar focus- complex sentences with subordinate clauses (at the start or end) using commas.
Use it – Before the Rabbits - Children write the opening paragraph of their narrative from the perspective of a Numbat, describing their character and the peaceful land before the Rabbits arrive.
Grammar focus – Use adverbs to describe manner, time, and degree.
Language features – Repetition and symbolism
Use it – The Arrival - Children write the second paragraph of their narrative, describing the arrival of the Rabbits and the Numbat's initial reactions.
Fiction Unit Outcome: A four-part narrative exploring the arrival of the Rabbits and the impact on the Numbats' land.

Grammar focus – Use apostrophes to mark possession (singular and plural).
Use it – Our Land, Our Home, children write the opening section of their persuasive leaflet, introducing the Numbats' land and explaining why it is precious and worth protecting.
Text type features - Emotive or persuasive phrases
Grammar focus – Link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time, place, and number.
Use it – How Our Land Has Changed, children write the second section of their persuasive leaflet, explaining how the Rabbits' arrival has transformed the Numbats' land.
Non-fiction Unit Outcome: A persuasive leaflet written from the Numbats' perspective, encouraging others to protect their land from the destruction caused by the Rabbits.

Science

Through hands-on activities, children will learn to compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties; use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated and investigate if changes are reversible, and give reasons based on evidence from comparative and fair tests.

Maths

Calculation – written method for addition, subtraction, and multiplication (see calculation policy)
Fractions – identifying equivalent fractions, calculation methods using fractions and converting fractions.

How did life change for children during the Victorian Period? What impact did Brunel have on life in the Victorian Era?

History

This unit introduces the Victorian era and helps pupils set it into its wider context within history. They learn about Queen Victoria and the impact of her reign. Then children will engage with historical sources to learn about the impact of the Industrial Revolution on Victorian Britain. Through role play and visual stimuli, children will learn what life was like for children in the Victorian time, including what schools were like and what clothes people wore. We will explore Victorian crime and punishment, and compare this to modern day.
The second thread of the unit focuses on the introduction and impact of the railways, specifically looking at the work of Brunel and his links to our local area, such as the Great Western Railway, Clifton Suspension Bridge and S.S Great Britain.

Computing

Computing systems and networks
Understanding how search engines work and developing searching skills to find relevant and accurate information online.

DT

In this unit, the children learn about the famous engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel and explore how his inventions and designs changed transport and construction in Victorian Britain. They investigate different types of bridges and discover how shape and structure can make them strong. Using their knowledge, the children design, create, and test their own model bridges, thinking carefully about the materials they choose. Finally, they evaluate their designs, reflecting on what worked well and how they could make their bridges even stronger next time.

P.E.

Invasion Games - Handball

Fundamental Movement Skills: static balance – seated and floor-work.

RE

Religious celebrations: Christmas – Is the Christmas Story true?

Music

Carols by Candle Light - singing
Music in nature: chords and melodies.

PSHE

Celebrating Difference
Children will learn to accept that everyone is different and understand to include others when working and playing. They will develop their knowledge of how to help if someone is being bullied, and how to overcome problems. They will build on this by knowing to use kind words and know how to give and receive compliments.

Visitors/Trips
Victorian Day

Golden Thread: Community / Mental Health / Life Skills / Global Issues / Technology.