









Garras CP School Curriculum Overview

Our thinking threads: 'here, there, then, now, next'

Eagle Owls - Cycle B (25/26)

Autumn Term Spring Term Summer Term Writing focus Odd and Varmints The Man The Tempest Peace on Frindleswylde by Natalia THE TEMPEST Earth the Frost Helen Who William O'Hara & Frindlesurla Simriti Halls Giants Ward Walked Shakespeare Lauren ()dd & David Neil (Year 4) Between (Year 5) O'Hara Litchfield (Whole Gaiman the Towers (Year 4) School) (Year 4) The Mordicai Can We Save Robot Girl Explorer Gerstein (Year 5) Shackleton's Journey by Pride: The the Tiger? Malorie Martin Story of Boy in the William EXPLORER Blackman Harvey Milk Jenkins BOY ' Tower Grill (Year (Year 5) and the Polly Ho-(Year 6) TOWER -Katherine Rundell Rainbow Flag Yen (Year 6) Rob Sanders (Year 4) (Year 6) **@ D** he Final Year by Matt Goodfellow (Year 6 only) Rationale for choice... Odd and the Frost Varmints: Covering The Man Who Walked The Tempest: This is a Frindleswylde: Although a picture book, the story Peace on Earth: This Giants: This book draws themes of hope, Between the Towers: This playscript version of one

text is suitable across ages, and will be used for the entire school to foster a shared learning experience around one text and to engender written outcomes. This text focuses on friendship. It ties into our school virtues. It sets a good tone for the year for each class based on postive relationships and the importance of them. This text will be used to create a sequence of learning to inform progression, assessment, and moderation.

Robot Girl: The children will develop skills of inference and deduction as they follow the story through many twists and turns. The text is also printed on dyslexic friendly paper, making it more accessible to all. This book invites discussions around the ethics of A.I. which is highly topical at present.

on Norse mythology and the Vikings for inspiration and links to our current History unit, 'Were the Vikings raiders, traders or settlers?'. The plot, featuring Norse gods Thor, Odin and Loki, is rich and multi-layered so will help develop stamina for reading. Beautiful illustrations complement the story and will generate many questions for classroom discussion.

Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag: Pride is the true story of American civil rights activist and politician, Harvey Milk as retold by author, teacher and LGBTQIA+ rights campaigner, Rob Sanders. It is structured as an illustrated biographical narrative and as such it is highly accessible. It covers a crucial aspect of LGBTQIA+ history, linking with human and civil rights as well as teaching the children about key figures in the LGBTQIA+ rights movement.

Varmints: Covering themes of hope, environmentalism and the cyclical nature of life, this text provides links to many areas of the curriculum including science, geography, PSHE and art. There is also a BAFTA and Oscarnominated accompanying short film which will support the children's learning and lead to discussion about how to look after the places we live.

The Explorer: The story and characters have a timeless feel and are underpinned with the age-old theme of unlikely friendships emerging from adversity. The children will follow the characters on their explorations through the jungle, investigating the author's language choices; inferring thoughts, motivations and feelings; and studying the changes they observe in each character. This text will link to our current Geography learning, 'Why are rainforests important to us?'

text, written in lyrical prose, is based on the true exploits of daredevil Philippe Petit. The children will be enthralled by the poetic language and detailed illustrations - including two foldout spreads of the New York skyline. Links can be made to the history and DT curriculums and used as a starting point to discuss themes of justice, recognition and following your dreams.

Boy in the Tower: This book deals with themes such as isolation, depression and Ioneliness. More importantly, it provides a relatable context and a safe space within which to explore these concepts with the children. The author has created an engaging, dystopian narrative, through which the children will develop their skills of inference and deduction.

of Shakespeare's most classic stories and includes some original language. It is a vibrant and enchanting story with strong themes of betrayal and desire and will provide a good starting point for the children to share their thoughts on power and the right ways to use it. Links will be made with our history topic, 'What was life like in Tudor England?'.

Can We Save The Tiger?: The plight of tigers and many other critically endangered animals are highlighted in this picture book. As a starting point for discussing conservation and protection, the children will learn important environmental messages and understand the need to raise awareness of how to look after what we have left.

Frindleswylde: Although a picture book, the story is longer in length and complex in its plot which will create high levels of engagement and help develop stamina for reading. Filled with enchanting language and gripping twists and turns, the story will be sure to generate much opportunity for classroom conversation.

Shackleton's Journey: This text links with our current Geography unit, 'Who lives in Antarctica?' Shackleton's Journey is a uniquely visual nonfiction re-telling of Ernest Shackleton's epic expedition across the Antarctic. The text has a clear factual style and will give the children an understanding of the period after the Victorians and the start of WW1 and about what life was like in Britain.

The Final Year: This fictional text explores the changes needed for a move to secondary school and the complex issues that can come with that. With links to PSHE and dealing with hospital stays, friendships and changing emotions, the children will explore how to find their place in the world and the











