

Poetry

We will focus on the poem 'The Ocean's Blanket' by Carole Anne Duffy.



During this we will:

Use The Puzzler's skills to identify structural features and poetic devices.

Use Captain Comparison's skills to contrast the effect of the different stanzas.

Use the structure and features to write our own poem based on atmospheres created in 'Varmints'.

Top 5 Linked Texts

Rabbits by Shaun Tan

Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo

The Flower by John Light

Town Mouse and Country Mouse by Heen Ward

The Girl of Ink and Stars by Karen Millwood Hargrave



Destruction

Visual Literacy

We will read 'Varmints' by Helen Ward.

During this we will:

Use Phantom Predictor's skills to identify clues and make predictions based on what we know about a character.



Use Crimson Clue Hunter's skills to make inferences from pictures.

Use Word Wolf's skills to think about the carefully selected language used by the author and how this links to the accompanying images.

Use Captain Comparison's skills to contrast the setting before and after key events.

Plan and write a continuation of the Varmints story.

Feature Focus

Expanded noun phrases with prepositions

Simile, metaphor and personification

Precise language to evoke feelings

Poetic devices such as refrain and alliteration

Conjunctive adverbials and linking phrases

Modal verbs and adverbs of probability

Comprehension

We will read about the inspirational environmentalist Jane Goodall.



During this we will:

Use Dark Decoder's skills to work out the meaning of new vocabulary.

Use Rocket Retriever's skills to find key information in the text.

Use Summarising and Sequencing Shadow's skills to summarise the achievements of Jane Goodall.

Non-Fiction

We will research and find out about the effects of deforestation, low levels of woodlands in the UK, and other environmental issues.

We will read about new developments and buildings and consider their purpose.

During this we will:

Use Summarising Shadow's skills to identify and summarise key factors and arguments.

Write a discussion text about the pros and cons of 'human progress'.