ALMOND HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL MEDIUM TERM PLAN



TOPIC TITLE/SUBJECT: English The Snail and The Whale YEAR GROUP: 3 TERM: Autumn 1

Vocabulary

adjective, noun, character, preposition, rhyme, repetition, theme, alliteration, first person, verb, adverb, noun phrase, question marks

Subject vocabulary:

snail, whale, tail, rock, ocean, silvery trail, adventure, beach, people, shell

Speaking/Listening:

Listening: builds their own understanding and response and sometimes changes point of view as a result of listening attentively to others

Questioning: poses and answers questions that will help make sense of a problem

Oral Rehearsal/Presenting: participates, speaking audibly in a range of situations e.g. drama, formal presentations and debate

Skills

- Write effectively and coherently for different purposes, drawing on their reading to inform the vocabulary and grammar of their writing
- Create settings and characters and plot in narrative
- Use some adverbs (e.g. often, quickly, very) for cohesion and to add detail
- Use a some prepositions (e.g. next to, underneath, with) for cohesion and to add detail
- Use past and present tense mostly correctly (e.g. ran, wander) and begin to use other verb forms (e.g. will go, have eaten)
- Use phonic knowledge and other knowledge of spelling to spell many words relating to KS1 programme of study correctly

What we already know

- Expanded noun phrases for description and specification [for example, the blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon]
- Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing
- Use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences

Illustration







Application/ Outcomes

Look at a range of Julia Donaldson books and make comparison across different texts.

Character Description of The Snail and setting descriptions of the beach and classrooms. 'Hot seating' the snail using role play and drama.

Re-telling a story, using the first person (as The Snail), gathering vocabulary, noun phrase work

Writing a narrative of a missing part of the story (the snail travelling to the school) using verbs and adverbs.

Themes/Morals

SIZE DOESN'T MATTER. IT'S ALL ABOUT THE HEART.



Other/Cross Curricular Links with English/Maths

Eco – impact of human interference on the ocean when the whale is beached. **Science** – fish/mammals