

You and i



During this new book based topic we will be taking the children on an adventure through story-telling.

We will be studying the picture book 'Grandma Bird' through English, Art, Textiles, Music, Drama and Science. We will introduce the children to other books by Benji Davies and will look in depth at a range of different types of poetry.

The children will receive letters, information and parcels from the little boy in the story, Noi.

During the first week, the children will receive a mystery scroll and will be taken to the beach to be able to explore and gain first-hand experience of what life is like living beside the sea.

The children will work in science with various materials to test for waterproofing and strength when designing dens and boats. They will use mixed media in art creating pastel land and seascapes. They will make their own birds using clay and will experiment with various glazes.

In DT the children will explore weaving and sewing to make a patchwork blanket like Grandma's and in music the children will work with Benjamin Britten's Storm Interlude from Peter Grimes. They will respond to the music creating artwork and will then write their own score in response to the storm sequence in Oliver Jeffer's film 'Lost and Found'.

The topic will end with an exhibition of the children's work and a musical performance. As the children will have been studying poetry and will have written their own pieces to perform, we would love it if any parents would be brave enough to stand up and read a poem themselves. The poem could be a personal favourite or even one you've written yourself. Seeing their parents reading and enjoying books and poems is one of the most influential factors in encouraging your child to grow up enjoying reading so please be brave and join in!

OUR TRIP TO THE BEACH IS A SURPRISE. THE CHILDREN WILL FIND OUT ABOUT IT AT SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY.

PLEASE DO NOT READ GRANDMA BIRD TO YOUR CHILD BEFORE THE TRIP AS WE WILL BE DOING WORK TO LEAD UP TO THE BOOK DURING THE FIRST WEEK AT SCHOOL.

Thank you for your ongoing support with our various secrets and unusual ideas!

