

The Flourish Federation—Knowledge Organiser

Brookfield Infant and Junior Schools



Subject: Writing

Focus: Contrasting Locations

Year 2

Term 3 (Rotation A)

What? (Key Knowledge)

Adjective	Adjectives describe nouns
Verbs	Doing word
Adverb	Describes verbs
Noun	An object
Conjunction	Links words, phrases and clauses
Grapheme	The written representation for a sound
Suffix	Letters added to the end of the root word to change the meaning (happy - happiness, joy - joyful)
Tense	When something happened (past tense = in the past, present tense = happening now)
Homophones	two or more words having the same pronunciation but different meanings or spellings (there/their)
Contraction	a word made by shortening and combining two words. Words like can't (can + not)
Sentence opener	The way to start a sentence

Experiences/Wow Moments

- Factual DVD—Into the Rainforest
- Clips from planet earth on polar bears
- Jaws and Claws rainforest animals visit (hands on experience)
- Roleplay/ classroom environment

Phonics

No Nonsense spelling program. Address common words misspelt in children's writing

Suffixes - ness, ment, less, less

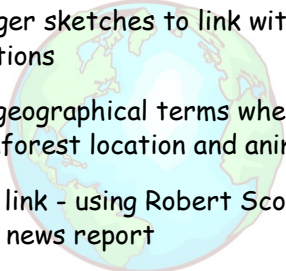
Phonic catch up groups focus on phonic screening

ICT Opportunities

- Children can use iPad to research facts about animals in the rainforest.
- Photo research so children can imagine being in the polar regions/ desert/ rainforest

What? (Key Vocabulary - topic based)

Spelling	Definition
Factual writing	True information
News Report	Writing facts, selecting and presenting the important information to tell a story of importance to the public
Past tense Poetry	Poetry written as if it has already happened. 'ed' suffixes can be used (skipped, climbed) some exceptions (clung)
Leaflet	a printed sheet of paper containing information or advertising
Setting	The place or surroundings where an event takes place
Endangered	When a species is seriously at risk of extinction
Extinct	when a species have no living members
Deforestation	the action of clearing a wide area of trees
Species	A group/ kind of living things
Captain Robert Falcon Scott	Royal Navy officer and explorer who led two expeditions to the Antarctic regions

What? (Types of writing)		Cross-Curricular Links	
Non-fiction	- Factual leaflet about the rainforest habitat, plants, weather and animals - Factual writing about the rainforest animals (from Jaws and Claw visit) - Tiger character descriptions	 - Art - tiger sketches to link with character descriptions - Use of geographical terms when writing about the rainforest location and animal habitats - History link - using Robert Scott historical facts in news report - ICT - researching online - Science - water cycle discussion when writing facts about the rainforest/ food chains etc.	
Poetry	- Past tense verb poetry about polar regions - Desert setting poetry focusing of description		
Report	News report on Captain Robert Scott's pending exploration to the South Pole	Description Ideas Tall, towering trees - hanging, green vines - wet, dripping leaves - teeth as sharp as razor blades - frozen, icy mountain - empty as a pond without fish - brave, excited team Sentence example: Surprisingly, creepy, hissing cockroaches can walk through burning hot fire and they will never become extinct! Are you aware that the tall, towering trees in the green, leafy rainforest provide a home for many different brightly coloured animals and plants?	

Visuals



full stops



finger spaces



correct pencil grip



Punctuation



adjectives

ABC

capital letters



Authors and books	
Oxford Very First Atlas	Oxford University Press
Desert (24 hours)	DK
Animals in Danger - Polar Bears	Ticktock
100 Facts - Rainforests	Miles Kelly
100 things you should know about Polar Lands	Miles Kelly
Focus on Habitats - Rainforest Animals	Stephen Savage
Focus on Habitats - Desert Animals	Stephen Savage