



Courtney Primary - Topic Sheet- Iceland – The Land of Ice and Fire

Term 3 – Year 3 – Miss Ford

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What is this topic sheet for?

This sheet shows you the topics your child is covering this term and gives you ideas and ways you can help your child at home. The library is always a good starting point and the internet has many great sites. If you visit www.courtneyprimaryschool.co.uk and click on the 'Links' section, you will find useful websites listed there.

English

Our class text will be: **Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak.**



We will be learning the following grammar skills:
Use prepositions to express time and place.
Use paragraphs to group related ideas.
Use figurative devices such as similes and alliteration.

We will use these skills to write diary entries, letters and our own 'Where the Wild Things Are' story. Later in the term, we are going to write holiday brochures, persuading people to visit Iceland.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be covering the following skills:

Multiplication and Division

We will be finishing off our multiplication and division unit by looking at scaling and correspondence problems, before starting...

Money

We will be learning to recognise and convert pounds and pence, add and subtract money and give the correct amount of change, before moving onto...

Statistics

We will be exploring pictograms, bar charts and tables in order to find information. We will also be gathering and presenting data on pictograms, bar charts and tables and using these to solve problems.



Computing T2 & 3

Our IT focus for this term is going to be media. We are going to learn how to:

- Create pictures using a range of tools and effects.
- Take digital images using zoom and use effects to edit them.
- Record sounds and voices and compose music and use tools to add effects to recordings and compositions.
- Edit text by highlighting, to change fonts, size, and colour and save their changes.



Topic

This term we are going to be learning all about Iceland! We are going to be looking at maps and the physical geography of the country and learning about life in Iceland through looking at people, sports and food. We are also going to learn more about earthquakes and volcanoes – What? Why? How? Where? What happens?



Science

Our focus in science is Forces and Magnets. As part of this unit, we will:

- compare how things move on different surfaces.
- notice that some forces need contact between two objects but magnetic forces can act at a distance.
- observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others.
- compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet and identify some magnetic materials.
- describe magnets as having two poles.
- predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other.



Art and DT

We are going to be making our own Wild Thing mask on our first day back. Our term's art focus is going to be on the Northern Lights. We will create our own Aurora Borealis picture using chalk during week 1 and then re-create it using ink and marbling throughout the term. Our DT project will be to create model cable cars during the last two weeks of term.



British Values and PSHE

This term we will be exploring Dreams and Goals. This unit will help us to think positively about our learning and revisit the idea of showing resilience and motivation even when things get tricky. This PSHE topic will help us make links with the British Value of tolerance.



PE

Our PE timetable has changed slightly this term as Miss Ford is no longer out of class on a Monday afternoon. This means our PE slot with Mr Smith will now be on a Thursday afternoon. On Friday afternoons we are going to be learning how to play hockey after looking at a full ice hockey kit! Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school, with earrings removed on the days of PE.

