

Year 6

A Web of Discovery



Focus Book: *Skellig* by David Almond

English

In English we will be exploring the book ‘Skellig’ by David Almond. The children will be exploring the text using poetry, generating exciting vocabulary and considering structure. They will also be writing their own versions of the narrative set in our school. In guided reading we will be exploring non-fiction texts.

Maths

In Mathematics, the children will be looking at using efficient methods to solve problems involving all 4 operations. They will also be exploring fractions and finding out how to add, subtract, multiply and divide them!

Science, Geography and History

Science

Have we always looked like this?

Could we possibly have evolved from apes, monkeys or other primates?
Who was Charles Darwin and why is he still a controversial figure?
Can you find out how animals have adapted?
What do fossils tell us about ‘how things have changed’?
Can you use your learning to design your own species?

History / Geography

Where did Darwin Travel?

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Can you identify the physical features of Australia?
Can you identify the physical features of the UK?
Can you identify the human features of Australia?
Can you identify the human features of the UK?
Can you compare maps of Australia to the UK?

Art and Design

Can you design your own fossil print?
The children will explore different methods of printing.

Technology

Viking Hats at the ready! In preparation for our Viking battle, the children will be sewing their own felt helmets!

Computing

Can you program instructions to work a computer?
Children will use Logo to develop their instructional writing.

PE

The children will develop their gymnastic skills through symmetrical sequences. We will also be learning how to work as a team during Football

PSHE

Through class discussions and circle time, children will be taught how to solve conflicts in a restorative way.

RE

Can Science and Religion both be right about creation?
The children will be learning to appreciate the beliefs of others.

Music

The children will be exploring the music of The Jacksons, with a particular focus on the song ‘I’ll Be There’

Languages

Bonjour!
The children will develop their French vocabulary and converse in full sentences about their home.

Learning Values

Aspiration

The exploration of Darwin’s research provides children with opportunities to aspire to be our future scientists..

Responsibility

Children will use their learning on evolution to design and present their own new species.

Collaboration

Through partner activities in gymnastics, children will learn to work positively and productively.

Perseverance

Children will learn to persevere with new challenges. Let’s get threading those needles!

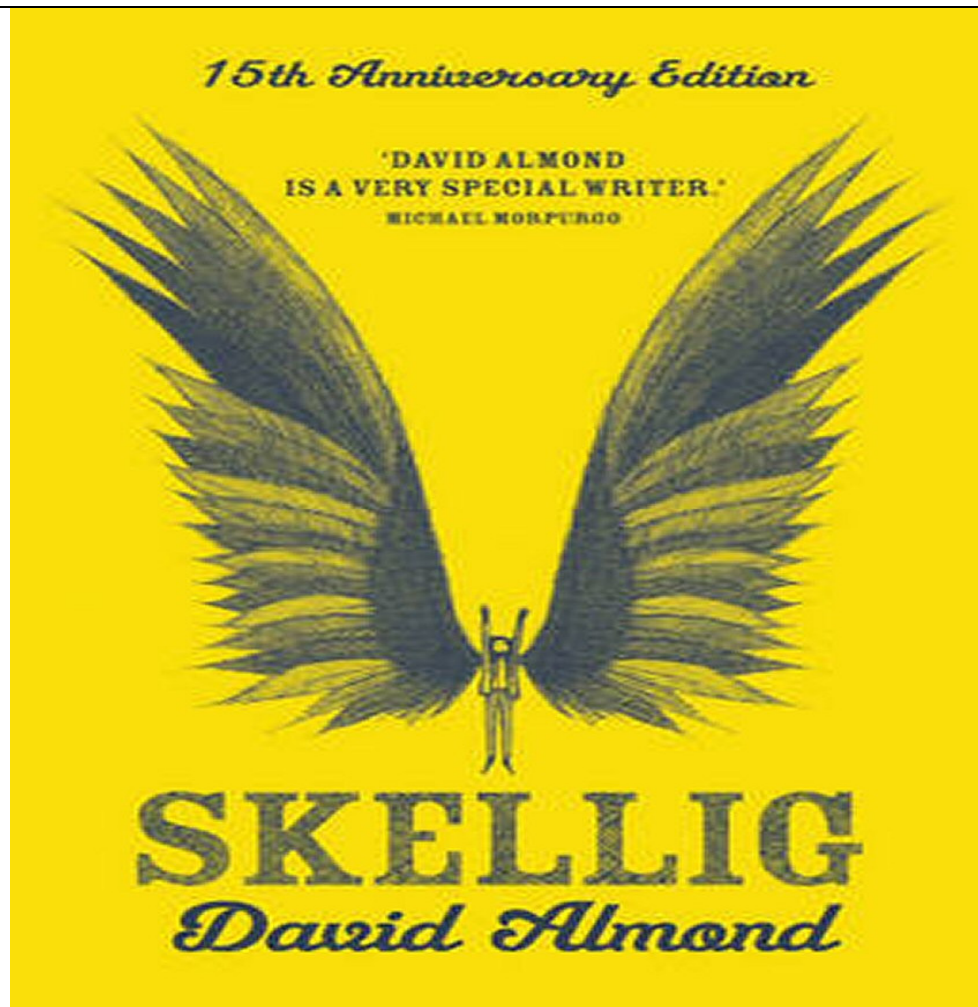
Discovery

The children will develop the fundamental skills to become super scientists!

Growth Mindset

Our growth mindset focus will be on constructive feedback and setting new challenges.

Skellig by David Almond



When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. Then, one Sunday afternoon, he stumbles into the old, ramshackle garage of his new home, and finds something magical. A strange creature - part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive. With his new friend Mina, Michael nourishes Skellig back to health, while his baby sister languishes in the hospital. But Skellig is far more than he at first appears, and as he helps Michael breathe life into his tiny sister, Michael's world changes for ever . . .

Other Recommended Reads Linked To This Theme:

Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce
Way Home by Libby Hathorn
Holes by Louis Sachar
My Name is Mina by David Almond