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Welcome to the next edition of our curriculum newsletter!

Our geography units are designed to spark curiosity about the world around us. We explore both human and physical geography, covering topics such as map skills, climates across the globe and the ways in which human activity impacts our environment.

We also explore our local geography, helping the children to develop a deeper understanding of their place within their own community. They will learn more about the Wychwoods and their location, as well as how our local area connects to the wider world.

As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability, we are also incorporating the Eco Schools initiative into our curriculum. Through this, the children will explore important topics including sustainability, recycling, energy and healthy living.

Below are the questions and topics that your children will be focusing on throughout this unit:

EYFS	Where are the coldest places on Earth?	Where in the world shall we go?	Where does our food come from?
KS1	Is the weather forecast always right?	What is it like to live in Costa Rica?	Do we still need maps?
LKS2	What do rocks tell us about the way earth was formed?	Why do people go on holiday to the Mediterranean?	River Study
UKS2	Why should we be protecting the rainforests?	Does the earth have enough for everyone?	The Water Cycle

Places to visit/ things to do:
We are very lucky to live in a beautiful part of the world with so many parks, gardens and outdoor places to explore. The real world is on your doorstep and the best way to get curious about it is to get outside!
Below are a few suggestions of places to visit:

The Wychwood Wild Gardens – right on our doorstep, this area of beautiful woodland, gardens and ponds is worth visiting all year round.
https://www.wychwoodwildgarden.org.uk/

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Foxholes Nature Reserve – an ancient woodland with an abundance of birds, butterflies, insects and flowers/ fungi, with something different to see each season.

Hill End Outdoor Education Centre - A visit to Hill End offers visitors the opportunity to be closer to nature, with the space and time to explore and appreciate the wonders of the natural environment. They usually run some family days during the holidays.
https://hill-end.org/

Go Geocaching – the world's largest treasure hunt! This is a great way to bring an extra element of fun when exploring somewhere, whether it is where you live or somewhere further afield.
https://www.geocaching.com/

Farm Ed –Farm to Fork cafe with a focus on education on sustainable farming
https://www.farm-ed.co.uk/

Treemendously Wild: Local forest school and outdoor education site in Shipton- Under-Wychwood.
https://www.treemendouslywild.com/

Bruern Farm- Working farm with Farm shop and Café

Oxford Botanic Gardens – the oldest botanic garden in the world with over 5000 species of plants.
https://www.obga.ox.ac.uk/visit-garden%20

Batsford Arboretum - Batsford Arboretum is home to some of the world's most beautiful and rare trees, shrubs and bamboos spread across 60 acres, particularly amazing in autumn!
https://batsarb.co.uk/

Things to watch:
Another great way to engage your child with their geography learnings is by watching different programmes. Engaging with these programmes and resources at home can significantly reinforce what we discuss in class and spark further interest in geography. Below is a list of suggestions of things to watch:

Planet Earth (BBC)
Earth's Great Rivers (BBC)
National Geographic Kids
BBC Bitesize Daily Geography

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Race Around the World (BBC)
Our Planet (Netflix)

Podcasts:
Everything under the sun – Not just Geography based but a great podcast covering topics on, well, everything under the sun!
Saving Planet Earth – This explores some of the wild and wonderful ideas that are being trialed around the globe to save the planet.
Royal Geographical Society- Ask the expert – Geographers discuss the latest geographical insights, each episode focuses on a topic including sustainable cities and natural disasters.
1000 hours outside – one for the parents! All about the benefits of playing outside in nature.

Book recommendations:
If your child has been engaged with a particular topic, a book is a fantastic way to continue their learning at home. Please ensure you read the reviews and general themes of the book to make sure they will be appropriate for your child. If you click on the book it will take you to a link on Amazon.

Visits
If you or a family friend has a job or any experience linked to any of the geography units being covered, then we would love to invite them into school. Please contact the office if you know someone who would be interested in speaking to the children about their experiences.

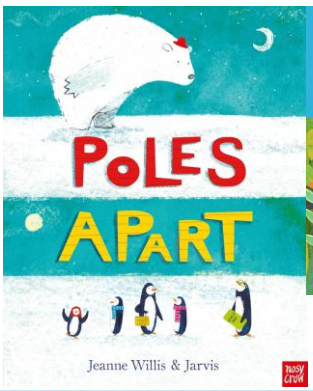
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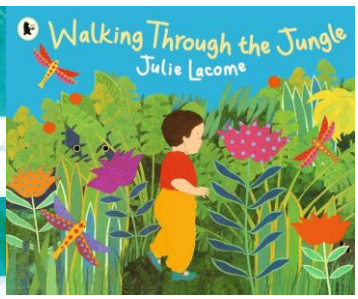
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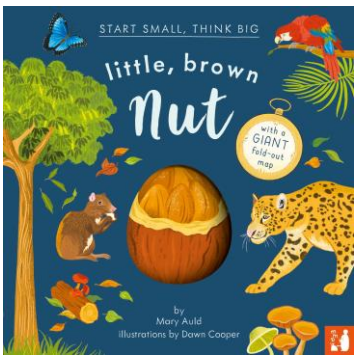
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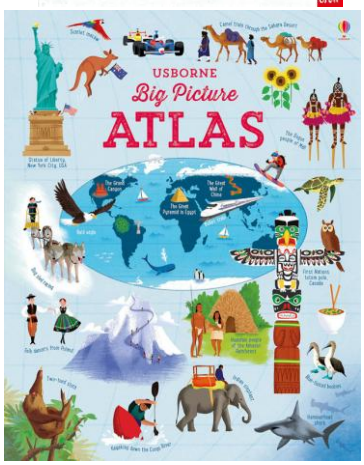
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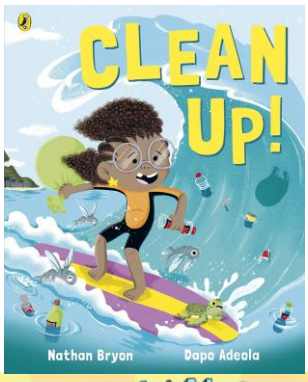


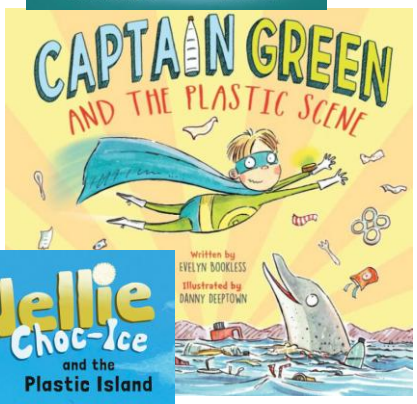


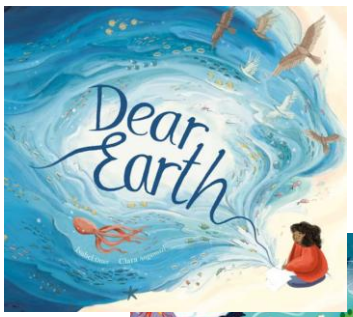


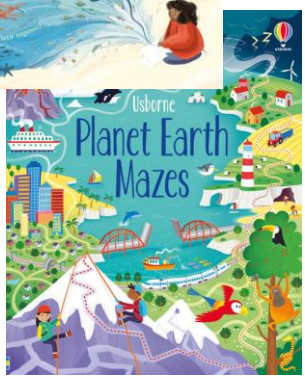


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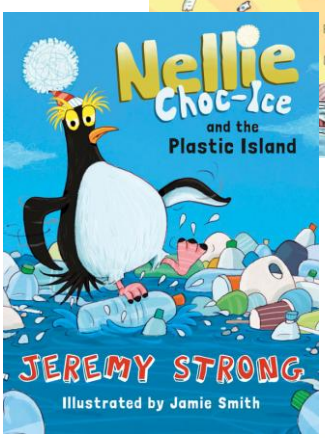












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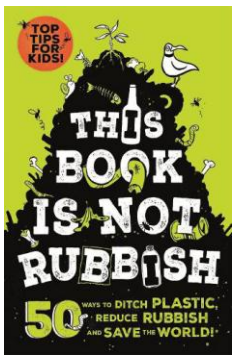
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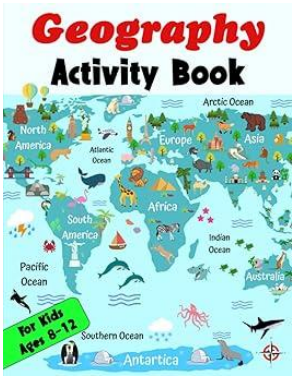
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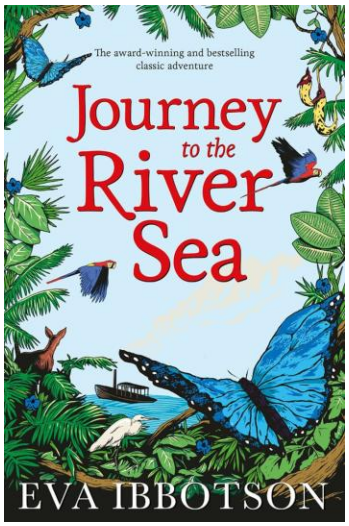
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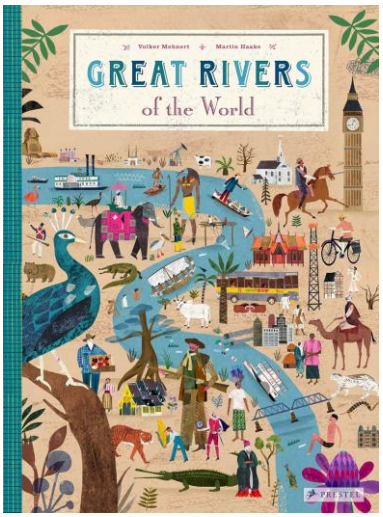


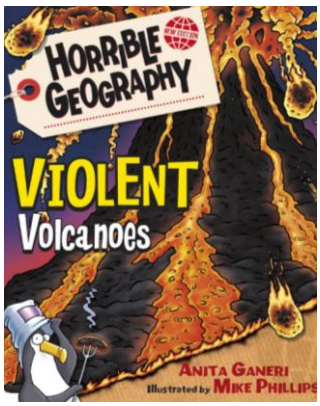


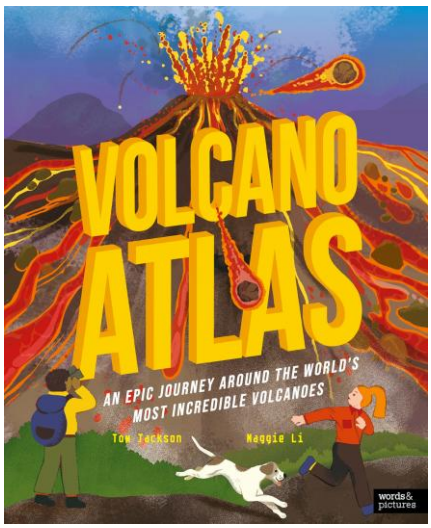




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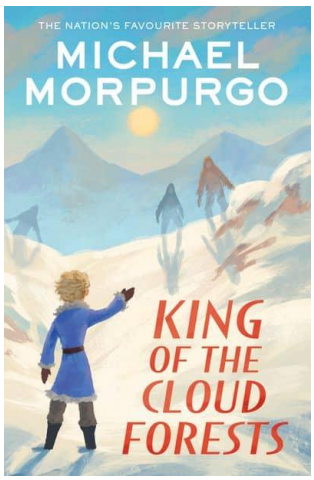
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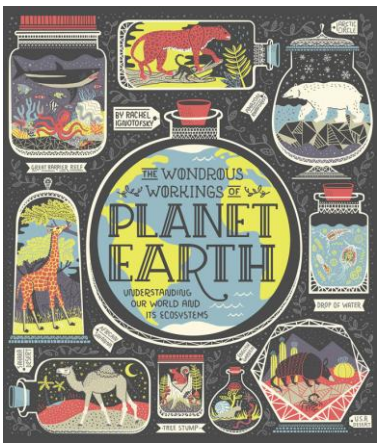
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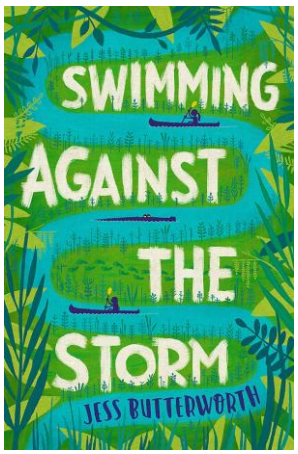
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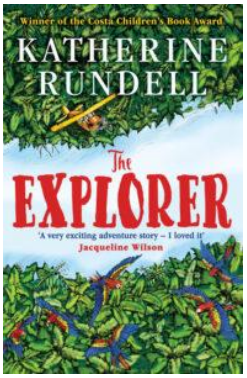
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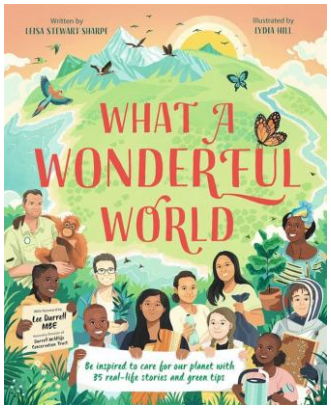
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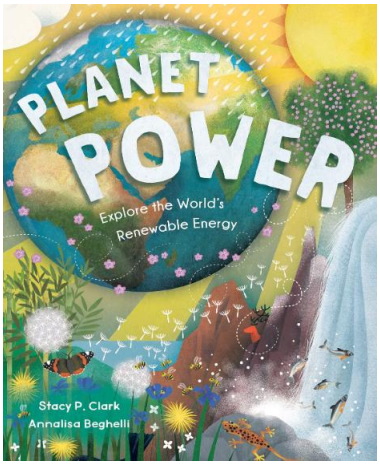


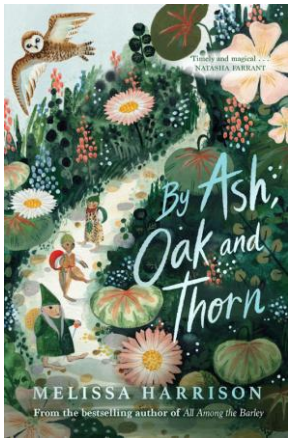


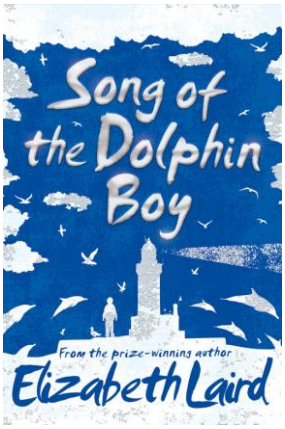


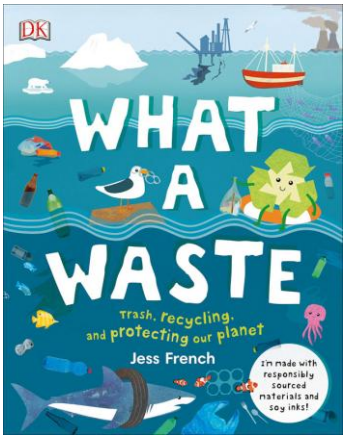


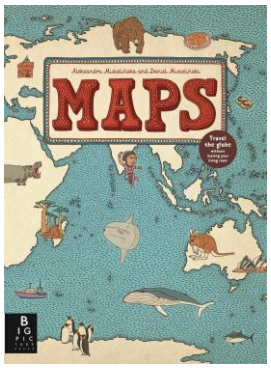
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