

### KEY FOCUS: Maths

We will be learning about place value with Year 3 learning to read, write and order numbers up to 1,000 and year 4 building on this by working with numbers beyond 1,000, including rounding, Roman numerals and finding 1,000 more or less. We will then move on to addition and subtraction. We will develop our problem solving and reasoning skills by applying our knowledge to real-life contexts and explaining our

### KEY FOCUS: English

In the first half of the term, we will be reading *The Lost Words*. We will go on to write our own poems/spells in the style of the book, linking to the art and science topics. Our audience will be Benson Nature Group. In the latter half of the term, we will focus on mini writing tasks based on sustainability and habitats.

### Useful Supporting Website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6wwxnb>  
<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>  
<https://www.bensonnaturegroup.com/>

## Cherry, Damson & Apple Class Term 1 - 2025 / 26



**THIS TERM OUR TOPIC IS:**  
**LIVING THINGS AND THEIR HABITATS**



### KEY FOCUS: Science

We will learn that living things can be grouped (classified) in different ways according to their features. We will learn about and use classification keys to identify and name living things. We will learn that environments may change naturally e.g. through flooding, fire, earthquakes etc. and that humans also cause the environment to change through both positive and negative impact.

### KEY FOCUS: Guided Reading

We will be reading 'Harry the Poisonous Centipede' written by Lynne Reid Banks. We will focus on our VIPERS skills (vocabulary, inference, predication, explanation, retrieval and sequencing) as well as developing confidence in reading aloud and our general comprehension skills.

### Homework

This term, we would like the children to focus on reading at home, ideally daily, and logging into Times Tables Rockstars as often as possible (logins to follow).

If you need any further ideas or support for home learning, please see the class pages of the website.

### Foundation Subjects

**Geography:** we will learn about how rivers are formed and how they are used in everyday life. We will find the world's most famous rivers on maps and will also visit our local river to find out about its features.

**PE:** Apple class will be swimming in term 1. Damson and Cherry classes will be practising their handball skills.

**Computing:** This term we will be learning about the internet, trying to understand what a website is, how we share information and understanding that we can't always believe what we read online.

**French:** This term we will be learning about the names for different musical instruments and how to use the verb "to play" to construct a sentence.

**PSHCE:** we will be learning about positive relationships and how we can be confident and assertive when expressing opinions.

**Art:** we will use close looking and observations to explore the artwork of Henri Matisse and inspire our own artwork to accompany our *Lost Words* poetry.

**Music:** Damson class will be learning ukulele this term. Apple and Cherry classes will be learning 'This little light of mine' based on the pentatonic scale.

**RE:** we will be thinking about what makes us human.