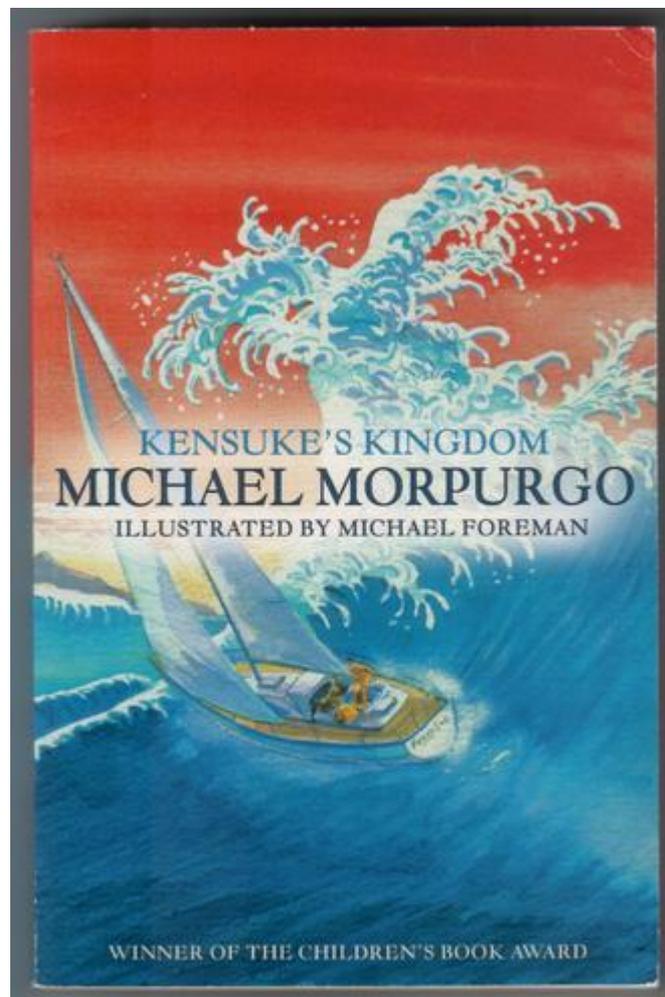




Sailing away

A study of Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo and preparation for moving onto secondary school



Overview of theme:

This half term will be an extremely busy one for year 6! In addition to all of our normal lessons, the children will take part in a residential visit to Thames Young Mariners before being given the opportunity to run the school, attend their secondary school transfer days and participate in an end of year production.

- Children's learning:**
- To explore the key themes of our key text through role play, writing tasks and activities on our school journey.
 - To improve understanding of world geography including time zones, countries and capitals and cultural differences.
 - To focus on differences between countries within South America and to research travelling around South America.
 - To participate in an end of year production.
 - To take on roles and responsibilities within the school and to demonstrate maturity and necessary skills for moving on.

Core Quality Kensuke's Kingdom

texts:

Key vocabulary: Electricity, battery, cell, wire, bulb and conductor

Information for parents: Thames Young Mariners – 14th- 16th June

Secondary school transfer dates – dates vary so check with your secondary school

Year 6 production – 12th July

Leavers assembly – 21st July at 11am

Homework linked to curriculum theme: Weekly topic homework will be set for the final half term.

References, resources and weblinks: http://vamos.lgfl.org.uk/modules/t2_vamos/index.html Learn Spanish!
<http://www.ducksters.com/geography/southamerica.php> Geography activities.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/10_11/changing_circuits.shtml
Science activities

Cross-curriculum links and opportunities:

English	The children will be studying Kensuke's Kingdom and writing a balanced argument, a diary entry and a newspaper article. In addition, the children will write an autobiography.
Mathematics	This half term children will be exploring different time zones across the world. They will also be applying their maths knowledge in our SRE topic by calculating how much it costs to raise a baby.
Science	This unit focuses on electricity and circuits. The children will learn to create their own circuits, use symbols to draw their own circuits, find out what happens if you overload a circuit and learn about the dangers of electricity.
Art and design	Using Cams to create moving boats and making a felt toy for a baby gym.
Geography	Children will be planning the route to Thames Young Mariners and their new secondary school.
Music	Learning songs for the end of year show.
PSHE	The children will be responsible for running the school for a day and taking on different roles.
Drama and Dance	Activities related to the core text and our end of year production.



Sequence and structure to curriculum theme

Phase 1: Entry point, big idea; overview	The children will read the opening of Kensuke's Kingdom and explore how the main characters are feeling.
Phase 2: research and recording	The children will read more of the text to set the scene and understand the dilemma of the story in preparation for some of the focused activities on our school journey to Thames Young Mariners.
Phase 3: research and recording	The children will reflect on the issues of the story and produce a balanced argument and newspaper report.
Phase 4: research and recording	Attention will switch to transition activities. Children will be reflecting on their time at primary school and producing autobiographical writing.
Phase 5: exit point	Children will be taking part in transition activities to prepare them for their new school. They will also put on an end of year production and a leavers' assembly.

