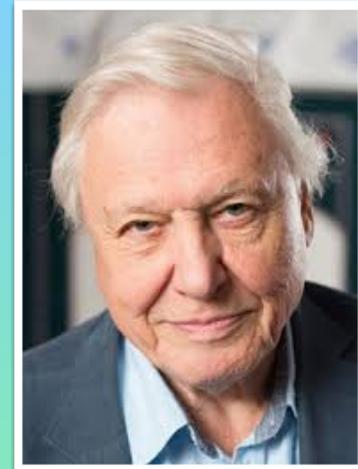


# David Attenborough



In Year 3's Spring 2 half-term, we're exploring the life of Sir David Attenborough, natural historian and pioneer of the nature documentary film genre.

Through this topic, we will be able to explore a range of key concepts: the life of a famous modern/historical figure, the changes in technology and documentary style over time, the ethics involved in working with animals, and the pure wonder of the natural world.

Our class book, David Attenborough by Lizzie Huxley-Jones will form the basis of our journey, which will be brought to life with episodes of Attenborough's films and programmes through time.

What we learn will inspire the content of our writing, as we begin to explore complex sentences, with subordinating conjunctions and dependent/independent clauses.

We'll use timelines to compare and track changes over time, to hone our organisational skills, and to refine our cutting and sticking abilities.

Our main focus in Maths will be on times tables - particularly the 2, 10, 5, 3, 4, and 8 fact families. This will lead us into division and prepare us for more complex concepts and calculations to come. Remember that children have access to Times Tables Rock Stars, which we will be using every week to develop and track our learning.

PE continues on a Wednesday morning. Please make sure that children wearing tights bring socks, and that notes are provided if your child cannot participate for any reason. Dance and gymnastics, including

rhythmic movement, the use of music, and choice of steps and moves will be the PE focus.

Our art, inspired by the animals we encounter as we follow Attenborough's life, will focus on exploring pencil techniques and colour gradients, and on using these to create realistic, textured images of animals with a more 3D effect.

As Attenborough moves towards his climate change and ecological era, we, too, will explore the environmental issues that affect us and how we can effect change in our local community.

In exploring animals, we will focus on the biology of nutrients and digestion.

# Images of Spring 1

