



# Year 2 Autumn 1



Dates to note:

8th Sept - International Literacy Day

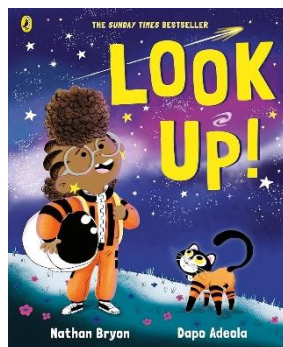
26th - International Day of Languages

1st Oct - Black History Month begins

7th/8th Oct - Parents' evening

10th - World Mental Health Day

## We are reading...



## In Geography, we are asking...

Where are the continents?

Where are the coldest places on Earth?

Where is the Equator?

What is life like in a hot place?

Do we live in a hot or cold place?

Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?

# Our virtues this half term are...



Caring



Helpfulness



Cooperation

## Let's Say...

Amira needs help deciding which clothes to pack for her trips to the Sahara Desert and Antarctica.

## Critical Thinking

What is the climate like in the Sahara Desert/ Antarctica?

How close to the Equator are the Sahara Desert/ Antarctica? Why does this matter?

Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?

## Writing Mastery Keys

- Plan or say out loud what is going to be written about
- Use punctuation correctly – full stops, capital letters
- Use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify
- Use subordination (because) and
- coordination (and)

## Maths Blocks

- Place Value
- Addition
- Subtraction

## Science: Living Things- Habitats

### I can...

- Raise simple questions about the World around me.
- Recognise there are different types of enquiry.
- Gather specific information from one source.
- Record results on a table.
- Group based on characteristics.

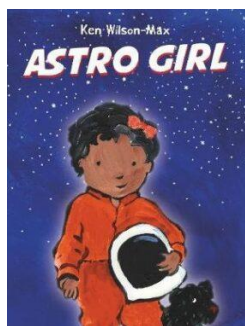
### I know...

- Some of the life processes, including movement, reproduction, sensitivity, growth.
- The difference between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive, using some of the life processes.
- A variety of plants and animals and describe some differences and a variety of habitats, including woodland, ocean, rainforest and coastal.
- A habitat is the environment where an animal or plant lives/grows because it provides what Living things depend upon each other (e.g. for food, shelter).
- A food chain can be used to show how animals obtain food from eating either plants and/or other animals.

# Geography

<b>I can...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Locate all the world's seven continents on a world map.</li><li>• Describe what physical features may occur in a hot place in comparison to a cold place.</li><li>• Locate some hot or cold areas of the world on a world map.</li><li>• Locate the Equator, North and South Poles on a world map.</li></ul>	<b>I know...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Equator is an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth.</li><li>• That the Equator is much closer to the sun than the North and South Poles as it is the widest part of the Earth.</li><li>• That different parts of the Earth experience different weather conditions, and this is usually due to the location of the place.</li><li>• The globe is the spherical model of the Earth.</li></ul>
<b>Art</b>	<b>DT</b>
Painting and Mixed Media: Life in Colour	Mechanisms: Making a moving monster
<b>Music</b>	<b>Computing</b>
West African call and response (animals)	IT rounds us
<b>RE</b>	<b>Spanish</b>
Christianity: Does how we treat the world matter?	Let's sing!
<b>PSHE</b>	<b>PE</b>
Families and relationships	Dance: Minibeasts and Fundamental Movement Skills 3

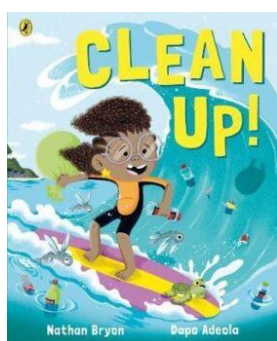
# If you enjoy reading Look up!, you may also enjoy...



Astrid loves space and she wants to be an astronaut!

She has lots of fun with her Papa finding out what it takes to become one: from doing experiments and eating dried food, to getting used to near-zero gravity.

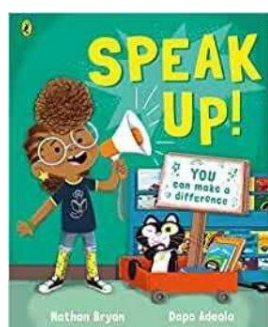
Astrid thinks she's ready to be an astronaut, but will she get to meet her personal hero and real-life astronaut soon?



Rocket is SO EXCITED because her, her mum and her brother Jamal are going to visit her Grammy and Grampy in the Caribbean. Even more excitingly, Rocket's grandparents run whale watching tours and have an animal sanctuary at the back of their house.

It's brilliant finally seeing Grammy and Grampy - Grammy is a pretty impressive surfer, and Rocket and mum love building sandcastles - but when a baby turtle washes up, tangled in plastic, Grampy explains that plastic is ruining the island, and no whales have been sighted here for a long time.

Rocket decides that something must be done, so she enlists everyone on the beach into her Clean Up Crew. Finally, the beach is clean and Rocket knows she's made a huge difference. Hooray!



Rocket loves her weekly trips to the local library with her mum and older brother. So, she is heartbroken when she discovers the library will be closing down forever! But Rocket, who recently borrowed a book about Civil Rights activist Rosa Parks, decides to speak up and save the library. She starts speaking up about libraries and how wonderful they are. Her passion is infectious, as she shares fascinating facts about libraries. Inspired by the activism of Rosa Parks, Rocket rallies support from her classmates, and together they lead a peaceful protest.

The protest is amazing but even though the press covers it, the library will still close. Rocket is gutted, and she can't help but think the protest was pointless. But just as her hope starts to waver, hundreds of letters from supporters start pouring in. Next, the town's mayor makes a surprise visit to Rocket's home where she invites Rocket's family to a party - a party to celebrate that the plans to close the library have been cancelled. Thanks to many people inspired by Rocket's protest, there have been enough donations to keep the library open, refurbish the building *and* buy new books. How fantastic!