

## Year 3 Topic snapshot- Fantastical Forests

### Topic Overview

This is a Science based topic focusing on plants, animals, forests and fantasy!

### Key Vocabulary

1. **Fantasy** – the activity of imagining improbable or impossible things
2. **Folklore** – traditional beliefs and stories of a community, passed through the generations by word of mouth
3. **Forest** – a large area covered chiefly with trees and undergrowth
4. **Conservation** – careful preservation and protection of something, preventing wasteful usage

### Science Vocabulary

5. **Pollination** – pollen from a plant is carried by the wind to another flower
6. **Nutrients** – a substance needed for the healthy growth of plants
7. **Skeleton** – the bones that support the human body and hold it up, providing a protective cage for the organs inside

### Key Texts

#### *Into the Forest by Anthony Browne*

A boy who braves a dark, fairy-tale-filled woods to bring cake to his sick grandmother after his father disappears.

#### *Billy and The Minpins by Roald Dahl*

Billy goes into the forest and meets the Minpins – tiny people who live inside the hollow trees. They are in danger from the Gruncher. Can Billy help them?

#### *The Tin Forest*

A beautifully illustrated picture book about a lonely old man living in a desolate junkyard. Through perseverance and imagination, he transforms the grey, rubbish-filled landscape into a vibrant, metallic forest.

