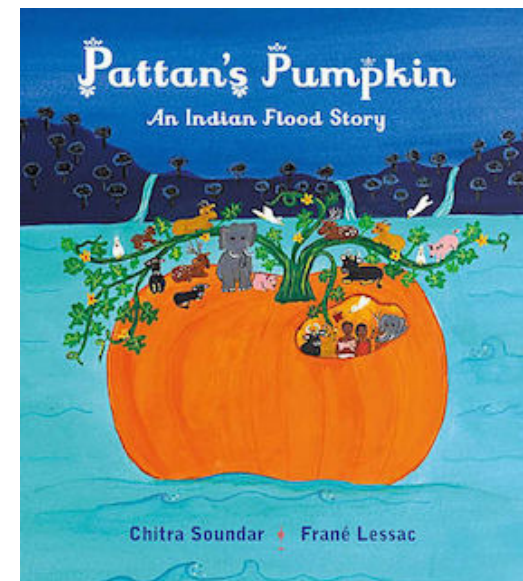




Reading Around the Curriculum



This pack gives you interesting classroom ideas to use with **Pattan's Pumpkin**. For more resources, visit www.chitrasoundar.com.



Pattan's Pumpkin is set in the Western Ghats - one of the oldest mountain ranges of the world. It is also a UNESCO heritage site.

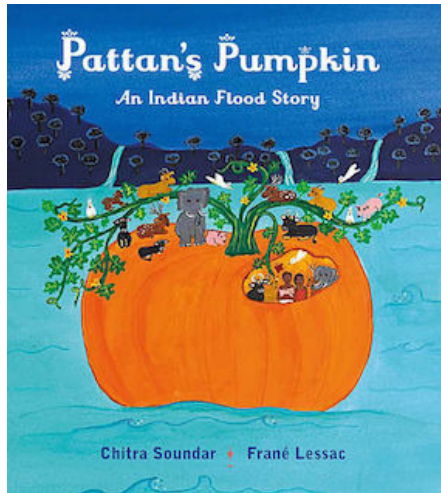
Find out more about its bio-diversity

here. <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1342>

Geography

What other mountain ranges are famous? Tallest? Biggest? Oldest?

India is the home to the tallest peak - Mount Everest. Can you discuss other mountain ranges - the oldest, the largest in various continents?

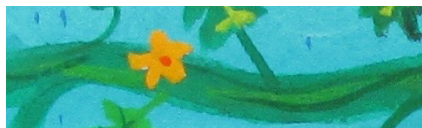


Pattan flees his valley to escape from the monsoon rains. What other wind and rain forms do we know about? E.g: tornadoes, hurricanes etc.



What are the various terms related to mountains? Create a collage of images for the list below.

butte
cliff
downs
dune
foothills
hillock
hill
knoll
moor
peak
precipice
tor
scarp
wolds
valley

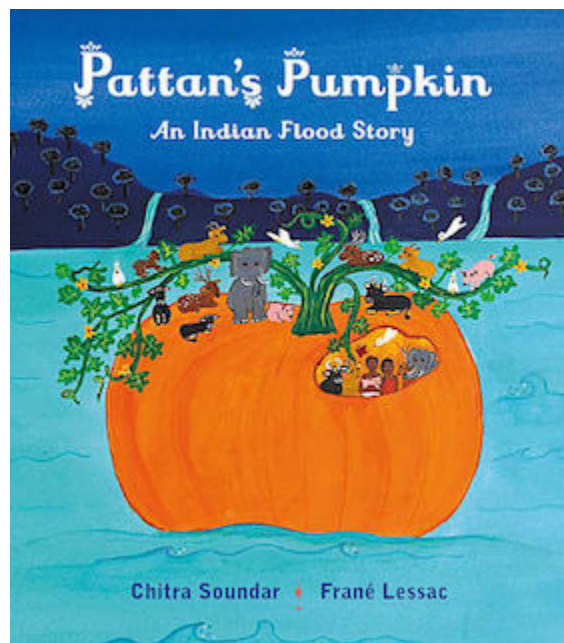
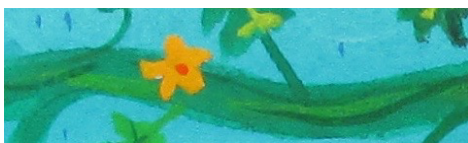


*How did the wind bring the pumpkin seeds to Pattan?
Discuss what else winds can bring?*

Science

Even today pumpkins grow into huge sizes. Find out which pumpkin won the first prize last year.

How do you grow big super-sized vegetables?



List types of plants...

creepers, shrubs, trees and such?

Can you draw these?

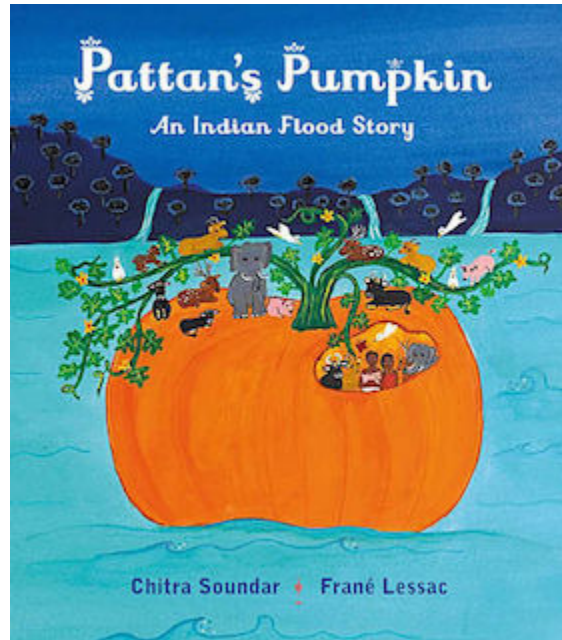
Plant a Pumpkin and watch it grow

What are the species of animals and birds found in the Western Ghats? Can you create a chart?

Can you write down the animals you found in this story and the name of their little ones?

English /Reading
Comprehension / Literacy

Can you use bigger and taller in 2 different sentences? How has the author used these words?



The word plant can be used in many ways. Can you find out from the story?

Can you find other words from the title of this book?

Can you find the animal sounds in this story?

Adjectives are describing words. Can you find the adjectives in this story?

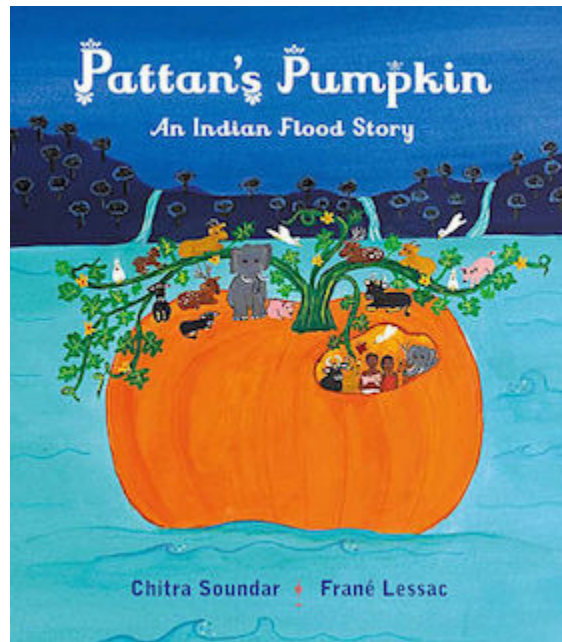
The story says, It rained for many days in the mountains. If there were 24 hours in a day - how many hours are in 3 days?



Here is a list of pumpkin varieties and sizes. Can you arrange them by size and weight on a chart?

http://www.harvesttotable.com/2009/05/pumpkin_varieties_best_bets_an/

According to UNESCO, Of the total 325 globally threatened species in the Western Ghats, 129 are classified as Vulnerable, 145 as Endangered and 51 as Critically Endangered. Can you draw a pie chart to represent this?



Maths

If each animal brought 2 of its children, and there were 5 different animals, how many animals in all were inside the pumpkin?

According to UNESCO, of the amphibians found in the Western Ghats, up to 179 species, 65% are endemic. Can you calculate how many species are endemic?