

This half term, we are going to be learning about the theme:

'Where the Wild things are'

'What will I be learning about?'

This half term we are exploring the Amazon Rainforest through stories, outside play, map work skills and scientific understanding of plants and climate.

Now the weather has improved, we can take a lot of our learning outside which I know the children will just love!

PSHCE - Jigsaw

We will be exploring friendships and relationships this half term.

PE- We will be doing ball skills this half term.

RE- We will be exploring Judaism and focusing on Shabbat.

Art Drawing and Painting- We will be exploring the work of Henri Rousseau. We will be focusing on rainforest artwork and will practice creating our own art through different media and printing.

Computing- 'Data and information grouping'. This will introduce children to labelling objects and putting them into groups depending on their properties.

DT- We will be exploring sliders and levers to create rainforest pop-up books.

English- Reading and phonics is our number one priority. Reading holds the key that allows your child to access their learning across the whole curriculum.

We will be reviewing our phonics daily as well as additional intervention groups for the children who need it.

In addition to this, children are reading daily in guided reading groups and sharing lots of exciting books as a class.

Some of the books we are sharing as a class are-

Where the Wild Things are

My Rooftop Garden

The Kapok Tree

The Rainforest of the Amazon.

We will be reading a lot of different

non-fiction books to independently research facts about plants and the rainforest.

We can't stress enough how important reading at home is. Please could you ensure your child has their yellow liaison book and reading book everyday.

We will be writing fact files about animals from the Rainforest and writing stories.

Phonics- We are continuing to learn how to spell year 1 and 2 common exception words.

We will be revisiting all phase 3 sounds, as well as the phase 5 sounds we learnt last term. We will also continue learning some new phase 5 alternate graphemes this half term. Some children will be continuing to access phonics interventions.

Science

This half term we are exploring plants.

Year 1 will be exploring and labelling parts of a plant, we will be looking at different flowers and trees. The children will be naming and classifying these different plants. We will also be exploring parts of plants we can eat, including fruits and Vegetables. The children will have lots of opportunity to explore this science topic through lots of outdoor learning.

Geography

We are learning about an area in the world outside Europe- The Amazon Rainforest with a focus on the city of Manaus. This will help us to understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area in a **contrasting non-European country.**

We will be learning :
about seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles and how to name and locate the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans .

*** Reminders ***

PE kits

Each week your child will participate in two PE sessions. Children need to bring PE kits to school on Monday and leave it in school until Friday.

All children must have appropriate PE kit and should not wear any jewellery including earrings.

Home reading

We are continuing to organise our home reading books in line with the latest Government guidance published in July. We are following the phonics scheme- Little Wandle. The books the children will bring home will allow them to practise the phonics sounds they have learned. Children will have a phonics reading book and a reading practice book. Our new reading books are much more challenging than previous schemes we have used and there is a lot of new vocabulary in them. It is worth spending time talking to your child about the new vocabulary so they understand its meaning. They need to bring their books to school every Thursday and new books will be sent home on Fridays.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Fridays and will need to be returned on Thursdays.

Spellings- children will bring home weekly common exception words and words linking to the spelling rules and patterns being studied in class.

Maths

We will be continuing to look at measurement, exploring weight and volume, before moving onto multiplication and division. We will also start looking at fractions before breaking up for the half term holiday.

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