

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!

English

We will be reading:

The Great Kapok Tree-Lynne Cherry
The Vanishing Rainforest-Richard Platt
The Secret Sky Garden-Linda Sarah

The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton
Little Evie in the wild Wood-Jackie Morris

Non fiction books about plants and the Amazon Rainforest

We will be writing:

Longer stories and changing different parts of the plot. Also adding more description to the setting.

A report on rainforests, its creatures and plants.
Keeping a plant diary.

Spelling and Grammar

This is a real focus this half term and the children will be participating in lots of different games and activities to help them learn new spelling rules as well as build their visual memory of common exception words-we call these 'Rocket Words' in class.

We will be learning about adding new word endings suffixes to words to change their meaning. We will be exploring plurals and using a wide

variety of punctuation such as the apostrophe for possession and contraction. The children all have a new set of words for The Summer Term in their yellow home-school

Maths

In preparation for our SATs, we will be re-visiting many of the concepts covered this year -fractions, addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. We will be improving our automatic mental skills as well as written problem solving.

Scientific and technological understanding

In science we will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants, find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. Explore how different plants are suited to their habitats-rain forest

In technology we are exploring levers and sliders to help us make a pop up card and a pop up book.
Geography

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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

-how to name and locate the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans



Art

Our focus artist is Henri Rousseau. We will be printing to create large rainforest creatures and landscape images.

Health and Wellbeing:

In Jigsaw lessons we are exploring friendships and relationships.

Religious Education

This half term, we are finding out about Judaism.

Key Dates

We will begin carrying out the end of **Key Stage Assessment** tests week com. 16th May for several weeks. Please remember that these 'tests' are only part of the assessment process we use to assess your child's progress and achievements. Our whole class attendance has been fantastic this year-keep it up! if you would also like to access it.

Transition into year three

We are planning weekly activities for Children, to ensure they feel reassured and confident when they move into Key Stage Two in September. These will begin after the May half term and will include each child making a 'buddy' from the current year three. We would also like to plan more transition activities for parents, so if you have any good ideas, please let us know.

Home reading

We have changed the way we organise home reading books in line with the latest Government guidance published in July. And our new phonics scheme 'Little Wandle'.

Children have a phonics reading book and sharing books from the library. If they are reading Turquoise or beyond, they will not receive a phonics reading 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 Wednesdays.

Maths- children will have a weekly maths activity linking to the work they are focusing on in class.

Spellings- children will bring home a half term overview of common exception words and words linking to the spelling rules and patterns being studied in class.



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