

Welcome back

During the next half term, we will complete our learning about WW2 and then move onto our Brazil and Rainforests topic. We begin by learning about the geographical features of Rainforests, as well as the people, animals and plants who live there, and consider different points of view about their uses. Many of our lessons across the curriculum will be linked to this topic.

We hope you all enjoy the learning journey in this busy half term!

Mrs Doe, Mrs Kennerley and Mrs Vaughan

Dates for your diary

WWII Day: Thursday 12th November

Parents' Evenings Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November.

Homework

Thank you for your support with your child's learning at home, we have been very impressed by the standard of work brought in!

This half term we will as usual use a homework grid that includes All About Me and 40 Things, as well as subject-based homework tasks. There will be a compulsory weekly Maths task and we will continue with weekly spelling tests. Please continue to encourage your child to read on four separate days each week and to record this in their Reading Record. This should also be signed by you once each week.

English

This half term we will learn techniques to build suspense in story writing, based on our new topic. We will then consider the structure and features of persuasive writing, writing our own piece about whether the Rainforest should be protected. Grammar will be taught once a week separately, and consolidated in our reading and writing.

In addition to this, children will be reading in groups and as a whole class.



Under the Canopy

Maths

This half term our main focus is multiplication and division, focussing on mental strategies, multiples and factors and special numbers including square, cube and prime. We then move onto perimeter and area of regular and irregular shapes.

Practise of mental maths, including times tables, will continue throughout the half term. If your child is not yet confident with times tables, please encourage them to practise as they are the foundation for so much of our maths work.

Science

This half term we continue our work on Properties and Changes of Materials. There will be lots of practical experiments planned and carried out by the children, including solutions and mixtures, reversible and irreversible changes and using properties to identify materials.

Art & Design Technology

This half term we will look at the work of Henri Rousseau, using that as inspiration for our own work. We will develop our understanding and use of colour, and use a range of media including printing.

Computing

This half term our main focus in Computer Suite lessons is developing Coding skills using Purple Mash. After tinkering with sequence, selection and repetition, we will use these skills to create a game.

We now have access to Chromebooks once a week in the classroom, on which we will use Google apps for work linked to our topic.

PE

Indoor PE -Mondays.

Outdoor games with the coaches -Tuesdays. Please make sure your child has the correct kit on these days, including warm layers for outdoors. Trainers should be kept in school at all times, for other outdoor sessions.

RE and PSHE

This term, we will focus on Christian ideas and values, leading to the Christmas Story. In PSHE, in line with our whole school GROW values, we will consider setting goals and developing resilience to help us to achieve them. We will also take part in activities linked to Anti-bullying and Road Safety weeks.