

Welcome back

During the next half term, we will begin our topic on the Rainforest. We will learn about the geographical features of Rainforests and the animals, plants and people who live there. We will 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!

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Dates for your diary

Big Arts week: w/b 31.01.22

Homework

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's learning at home, we are always very impressed by the standard of work that is 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.

English

This half term we will consider the structure and features of persuasive writing, writing our own piece based on 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. They will also be encouraged to use the library.



Down in the Amazon

Maths

This half term we begin with multiplication and division, focussing on written calculations. We will then move to work with fractions and decimals, learning how to calculate with them as well as learning about the links between them. 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 will be learning about the lifecycles of different animals and comparing the lifecycles of different types of animals. We shall be using ICT skills for research and asking scientific questions in order to develop our own investigations.

Art & Design Technology

This half term we will look at the work of Henri Rousseau. We will use printing and drawing techniques to create our own work inspired by his paintings.

Music and Spanish

We will listen to music related to our topic and experiment with samba sounds and compositions.

This term the children will have a weekly Spanish lesson with Mr Stirling. They will be learning basic vocabulary and how to read,

Computing

This half term we will be developing our coding skills using Purple Mash. We shall also be using Excel to create graphs for data in geography and Science.

PE Indoor PE (dance and gymnastics)

will take place on Monday afternoons this term. Outdoor games will take place on Thursdays. Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school for these days

RE and PSHE

This term, we will focus on Christianity and thinking about Christian values and 'What would Jesus do?' PSHE, in line with our whole school ownership value, will consider taking risks, discrimination and challenging stereotypes.