

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!

Mrs Doe and Mrs Vaughan

Dates for your diary

Bikeability: Week commencing 22nd April and week commencing 29th April

Book share: 25th May

Homework

The children will bring home their Summer 1 grid to work from. In addition, weekly Maths homework will be handed out on Fridays to be returned by the following Thursday. A weekly spellings test will be set each Tuesday. Please also encourage your child to read regularly and to update their reading record 4 times each week. Continued practise at home with times tables is also very important.

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's learning at home.

English

This half term we will be writing short stories based on our class book: Explorer. We will be learning about writing effective beginnings and developing suspense. The children will use their skills to write their own chapter for the book.

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.



Under the Canopy

Maths

This half term we will be learning about decimals and their links to fractions and percentages. The children will learn how to compare decimals as well as round decimal numbers. Later in the half term, we will be learning how to calculate the area and perimeter of shapes as well as using different types of graphs to present data. 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 materials and their properties. This will include investigations into solubility and discovering ways in which mixtures of materials can be separated. We will also look at different types of change, learning that changes can be reversible or irreversible.

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

This half term the children will have the opportunity to take part in brass lessons with a Stockport peripatetic music teacher. Instruments will be provided. The children will also be singing and composing their own rainforest-inspired soundscapes.

Computing This half term we will be learning spreadsheet skills to present information. Computers will also be used for research for our creative curriculum.

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 places of worship. We will consider the big question 'Why go to a place of worship?'. The children will learn about the places of worship used by people who follow different religions.

In PSHE our topic include reliability of the media and dealing with inappropriate content, as well as healthy lifestyles: sleep, sun safety, allergies and medicines.