

Dear Families,

This curriculum newsletter is to share with you the different areas of learning your child will experience this term and suggest ways in which you can help support learning at home. I hope you find it useful. Mrs Gilbert

Amazing Amazon

Creative Arts

We will sketch Rainforest animals and look at the work of Henri Rousseau. We will also make a poison dart frog beanbag!

English

Our first unit of work is based upon the books 'Where the forest meets the sea' and 'Rainforests in 30 seconds' We will be looking at the features of Non-fiction texts and writing a Non-chronological report. Children will use specific vocabulary e.g. fruit bats, and some technical vocabulary e.g. nocturnal, mammal. They will write in present tense and use layout features e.g. questions to draw in the reader, headings and sub-headings, paragraphs to group related ideas and diagrams.

Maths

We will continue to teach the children in separate year groups for Maths.
Year 3: Pictograms and bar graphs, fractions, angles, lines and shape, perimeter.
Year 4: Decimals, Money, Length, Mass and Volume, Area and Perimeter, Geometry, Position and Movement, Roman Numerals.

RE

What do I think about Jesus and how is he portrayed in art around the world? In this unit we will be looking at how Jesus is represented through art and use Biblical references to support discussions about Jesus and how people viewed him.

How do Hindus worship?

In the second half of the Summer term children will explain the Hindu concept of God and the cycle of Create, Preserve and Destroy. They will explain how Hindus worship at home and in the Mandir and the associated symbols and gestures. We will look at the Hindu festival of Holi and why it is celebrated.

Key Information

PE: Alternate Wednesdays and every Friday
Forest School: Alternate Wednesdays.
Spellings and Times-tables: Thursdays.
Guided reading: Daily.

Geography

We will find out what a rainforest is and where they are found and will explore the layers of vegetation in a rainforest. We will investigate the climate and the people and settlements of the rainforest.

MFL

This term in French we will be learning about how to describe ourselves, our family, and our homes using the colours we learnt last term to give extra detail.

Forest School

There are lots of exciting sessions planned for our Forest school sessions this term. Forest school will be on alternate Wednesdays.

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Science

This summer term we will be focussing on Living Things and their Environments. Within this topic, the children will recognise that living things can be grouped in different ways, including animals, flowering and non-flowering plants. They will continue to investigate our rich and diverse world, learning to use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in both our local and wider environments. They will also explore ways in which environments can change.

PE

We will be going swimming this term on Tuesday afternoons. Please bring something quick to put on after swimming as the children will not need to put their uniforms back on. On Fridays with Miss Shone the children will be playing cricket, tennis and rounders.

PSHE & RSE

We will be exploring what it means to have a balanced lifestyle, promoting good mental health and recognise how our emotions can change.