



Year 3/4 Newsletter Rainforests

What we are learning about:

Science: we will be learning about Human health and nutrition (teeth and eating). Children will identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. We will describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans and revisit the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions

Key vocabulary: nutrition, nutrients, carbohydrates, sugars, protein, vitamins, minerals, fibre, fat, water, skeleton, digestive system, digestion, mouth, teeth, saliva, oesophagus, stomach, small intestine, large intestine, rectum, anus, incisor, canine, molar, premolar.

RE: we will be learning about why people pray and how this differs in different Religions.

Art and DT: we will learn about mechanisms and creating a toy using a pneumatic system.

Computing: we will be learning about 'sound stories' adding different sounds to enhance stories online.

PSHE: we will study what makes us unique and what makes us similar, then repeat this on a broader spectrum of what makes groups of people unique and what brings them together and why these are important.

PE: physical education will focus on strength and balance; creating balances and counter balances with a partner. Then we will work on improving our co-ordination with sending and receiving. Games skills will be outside with Mr Yeomans.

French: we will learn how to talk about doing, liking and preferring and about possession.

Music: we will be learning about composing and chords to provide the basis for accompaniment.

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Maths: we will continue our work on Multiplication and Division by working on multiplying and dividing a 2-digit by a 1-digit number (both with and without exchange and with remainders in division). We will learn to link multiplication and division. In Year 4 in addition to the above, we will include 3-digit numbers multiplied and divided by 1-digit numbers. We will also look at correspondence problems; and how to multiply efficiently.

English

Reading:

In Guided Reading we are following 'Fluency focus' which encourages children to read with fluency, prosody to build confidence. We also have our own class reader book that we will all enjoy together. This week the children will be taking Star Reader quizzes to ascertain which books are the most appropriate. Once this is completed, all children will come home with a pitched reading book and another book that they are interested in.

Writing:

In our English lessons we will be continuing with the theme of the Amazon rainforest. We will be using the text 'Rainforest Warriors' as a springboard to create our own narratives with the purposes of entertaining. Following this, we will be looking at speech writing with the intention of persuading our audience to look after our rainforest. Then finally, we will spend some time looking at performance poetry.

Texts

Rainforest Warrior

Save our Seas

Poetry Pie

Topic: In Geography, we will learn why rainforests are important to us. We will investigate the location and features of the Amazon Rainforest; the structure and layers of the rainforest; the indigenous people who live there; how the rainforest is changing and what are the threats to the Amazon; and we will use fieldwork to understand local woodland.