

Welcome to the summer term. I look forward to the work that we will be completing together. The children will be using and applying their skills across the curriculum.



<u>Literacy</u>

This term we will be continuing exploring the rainforest, which links to our Geography. We will start by comparing whether living in the rainforest or the city is good or bad. We will then be investigating the different animals in the rainforest and understanding which animals are extinct and how we can stop these animals from being extinct. This will help us to produce animal fact files. We will also be using our persuasive writing techniques and producing travel brochures to persuade people to visit the rainforest for their holidays. Later on, we will be using Disney's Rio and we will be using this to help us write letters in role of the characters and using different narratives.

Throughout all our writing we will continue to focus on developing our knowledge and understanding of grammar, spelling and punctuation.

We will also continue to work on the key words and Year 5 & 6 spelling lists.

<u>Numeracy</u>

Maths lessons for the next two weeks will be focusing on percentages. The children will be investigating the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages and using this knowledge to solve problems. We will then move on to investigating angles, 2D and 3D shapes.

Times table rock starts will continue on a daily basis. The children should continue to access Mathletics at home and as always, please support your child in practising their times tables and related division facts at home.

Science

For the first half term, our topic will be – Living things and their habitats. This will also be linked to our Geography work. We will look closely at how living things survive in the Rainforest. We will explore food chains, life cycles and life processes. We will explore amphibians, mammals and endangered animals.

In the second half term, our topic will be forces. This will involve practical activities, so that the children can predict and discuss the conclusions of their investigations.

Geography

In Geography we are continuing to investigate the climate and location of the Rainforest. We will also be researching about the different tribes in the Rainforests and what it is like to live in the Rainforests. We will also be drawing graphs and comparing the rainfall, sunlight and temperatures in the Rainforest.

Our Geography links to other subjects in the curriculum. The topic of Rainforests will be linking to our Literacy and Science.

Weekly Routines.

PE – This takes place every
Friday. P.E. kits should be in school at all times.
Homework- English and
Maths are given on Friday and should be returned by
Wednesday.

Spellings are given out every Monday and should be learedt for the following week.

Reading – Reading books need to be read on a regular basis. The children have the opportunity to change their reading books up to three times a week. The children also have the opportunity to choose a library book from the school library each week. **Times Table Rockstars** – This takes place daily. Please encourage your children to practise at home. <u>RE</u>

In RE we will be focusing on the teachings of Jesus, and how his teachings are important to Christians. We will be investigating the work of various charities and how these help members of our community. After that, we will learn about what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today.



Computing

In other areas of the curriculum, we will be exploring how to use Microsoft PowerPoint. We will understand how other programs are used for digital media, for example exploring Prezi, blogs and online surveying. We will also compare the different types of digital media. Please encourage your child to complete Mathletics at home and earn their certificates.

Other Curriculum Areas

PSHE – Managing money
Art – Headwear
MFL – On the way to school
Music – Stop! – Charanga music
PE – Rounders