

RAINFORRESTS

This term our main Topic will be 'Rainforests'. We will be taking a trip to visit The Eden Project in Cornwall to support the children's learning. Details to follow soon. Thursday 17th January will be our trip to see Matilda performed at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth.

Maths: Children will have regular opportunities to complete mathematical investigations where they will need to apply a range of skills and subject knowledge from lessons. We will also make links to Topic work, especially when thinking about the use of money and measures as part of a unit about 'Fairtrade'. Pupils will focus on multiplication and division; perimeter and area; fractions and decimals.

English : Grammar and punctuation focus on apostrophes for belonging and missing letters, speech marks, and commas to extend sentences. They will also think about using paragraphs and more confident pupils will consider how to make links between ideas across paragraphs. Pupils will have regular opportunities to develop their use and understanding of vocabulary. Continue to explore different ways to start sentences in order to make writing more interesting. Regular links will be made to Topic work including non-chronological reports to share information about animals in the Jungle Book. Children will also be visiting the Theatre Royal in Plymouth to watch 'Matilda' and will be completing School-based work linked to both the production and original story.

Science: Part of Topic work looking at 'Living Things and their Habitats' and some links to 'Water Cycles'. Units will link to 'Plant Structure' and 'Flowers and their Function'. I will be encouraging children to plan and carry out investigations; record results accurately; plan for fair tests; review results to look for patterns; make conclusions using results and wider scientific knowledge.

Geography/History: We will be focusing on Geography skills this term. We will look at land use, climate and compare physical features of environments. The children will think about the locations of Rainforests and will study some of the indigenous tribes. They will be encouraged to weigh up the arguments for and against development of land.

Computing:
Digital Literacy: searching the web, setting strong and safe passwords. Developing text and graphics skills; including combining and manipulating text and images.

Art/DT: Pastel work linking to tribal Art used by rainforest populations to tell stories and explain beliefs. Study of Surrealist artists and own pictures based on Dreams.

Music: Led by Miss Collins. Taught weekly on a Wednesday afternoon. Exploring songs sung as rounds, Rainforest raps, percussion instruments.

PSHE & SEAL: Sessions will continue to be planned to match the needs of the children; responding to issues as they arise. The children will also think about developing a positive Mind-set when approaching challenges.

PE.
PE is usually Monday and Wednesday afternoons but please have kit in every day in case this changes! Achieve4All will continue to support Wednesday sessions and will be focusing on Dance and Tag Rugby. We will also make links to our Topic work by thinking about keeping healthy and healthy foods.

RE: Mrs Palmer will be exploring the Islamic and Christian faiths. Children will make comparisons between the two religions.

Class 3: Mrs Byrne Class Teacher; Mrs Kent-Smith and Mrs Barnby Teaching Assistant support mornings; Mrs Palmer leading RE Wednesday afternoons; Miss Collins leading Music Wednesday afternoons.