

MUSIC



We will be exploring descriptive sounds and making our own animal music. We will use tuned and un-tuned percussion to compose our own musical accompaniments.

We will be learning new songs including songs for a harvest festival.

PE



In Year 3 the children have a weekly swimming lesson. They will need their swimming kit in school every Wednesday

They will also have a PE lesson on Monday where we will focus on gymnastics activities developing strength, agility and coordination.

Art



Our Art this half term will link to our topic of Rainforests. We will be studying the work and life of French artist Henri Rousseau as well as studying the work of Peter Doig. We will be developing our drawing and sketching skills as well as looking at a variety of different drawing mediums and the effects we can create with them, developing our basic skills. We will be doing this through recreating some of Rousseau's jungle pieces as well as producing our own rainforest pieces. We will be referring to other artists throughout the half term to deepen our understanding of particular techniques.

What can you do to help?

- Read with your child regularly, and encourage them to read aloud, using expression and discuss what they have read. Ask questions about the book and make a comment in their reading journal or encourage them to draw or write about what they have been enjoying.
- Every Monday there will be a times table quiz focusing on both multiplication and division facts. Work with your child to ensure they are confident reciting the times table they are learning that week and reviewing previous times tables.
- Spellings are sent home weekly and you can practise these with your child in preparation for their test on a Friday.
- Maths homework will be issued every Wednesday and should be handed in the following Monday. There will also be a sheet of optional activities relating to our topic to enhance their learning and tasks completed will be celebrated in school.
- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every week; t-shirt, shorts, plimsolls and their Swimming kit in school every Wednesday
- If you have any questions please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 3 team.



Curriculum Information

Year 3

Autumn 1

2018

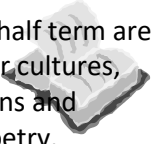
Rainforests

Literacy

The text types studied this half term are recounts, stories from other cultures, instructions and explanations and creating images through poetry.

There will be a strong focus on grammar and punctuation throughout Literacy lessons and across the curriculum. We will focussing our understanding of grammatical terminology, the use of conjunctions to extend sentences, adverbs, direct speech punctuation and using prepositions to show time, place and cause.

In addition they will be receiving weekly guided reading and handwriting tuition.



History

This half term's topic work is predominately Geography based however we will be looking at the history of life in the Amazon rainforest and the people that live there such as the life of the Kayapo Tribe.



Geography

The children will be learning about "Rainforests" with a focus on the Amazon rainforest. We will use atlases and digital mapping to examine the position of rainforests on the earth's surface and the significance of latitude, longitude and the equator.

The children will study key aspects of the physical Geography of the rainforest looking at rainforest layers, humans and animals who live in the Amazon rainforest. Whilst learning about this topic they will be making key comparisons with the U.K.



Numeracy

Throughout this half-term, children will be advancing their skills within:-

- Place value
- Using and applying mathematics (problem solving)
- Mental and written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Geometry

We will be focussing on key mental maths targets and practising and improving upon our knowledge so we are able to recall multiplication and division facts fluently.



Computing

In computing this half term we will be developing and extending our word processing skills and applying these skills in learning across the curriculum. We will also be writing a blog for our class webpage.

In addition we will be looking at the schools E-safety acceptable use policy, learning and discussing how to protect our personal information and about how to make good online choices.



Science

The children will be studying the topic of 'Light.' We will discuss that we need light to see and that darkness is an absence of light, we will investigate how light is reflected from surfaces, recognise that light can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect our eyes, recognise that shadows are formed when light is blocked by an opaque object. Finally, we will be finding patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.



RE/PSCHE

Our weekly PSCH topics link closely to worship. We will develop social and emotional skills through thinking skills activities, circle time and through the daily celebration of a 'Special Person'. Though PCSHE we make explicit links to our whole school Christian Values.

During our RE lessons the children will be developing a greater understanding of the Christian belief of the creation story and God creating humans to be in a relationship with Him. They will learn to celebrate and think about how to look after our wonderful world. They will learn about making right choices, friendship and the importance of forgiveness.

