

Music

The children will be learning to use tuned and un-tuned percussion to accompaniments to music, copying and creating their rhythms.

In addition to this we will be discussing music created by Amazonian tribes. We will go on to create our own tribal music.

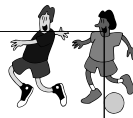
Along with this we will be singing in class and learning Christmas songs.



PE

Year 3 will continue to have a weekly swimming lesson. They will need their swimming kit in school every Wednesday.

They will also have a dance or gymnastic lesson every Monday. They need their P.E. kit with plimsolls or suitable trainers in school every week.



Art and Design and Technology

Our work this half term will continue to focus on our rainforest topic; we will be studying the work of Mary Ann Rogers and Nick Mackman who create sculptures and paintings of a variety of animals. We will go on to design, make and paint our own clay sculptures. While we are doing this, we will be learning how to mix and blend different watercolours similar to Mary Ann Rogers. We will then create a water colour painting of our own Amazonian animal.

In Design and Technology we will be designing, making and evaluating our own Christmas decorations.



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. Reading books will be changed weekly.
- 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.
- Maths homework will be issued every Wednesday and should be handed in the following Monday. There will also be a booklet of activities relating to our topic issued, the children can complete tasks within this, in order to extend their learning. Work completed will be celebrated within 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.
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Curriculum Information

Year 3
Autumn Term 2
2018

Rainforests

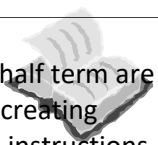
Literacy

The text types studied this half term are texts by Michael Foreman, creating images through poetry and instructions and explanations.

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, direct speech punctuation and using prepositions to show time, place and cause. As well as the use of interesting vocabulary: adjectives, expanded noun phrases, powerful verbs and adverbs.

The children will be receiving new personal writing targets to focus on individual areas for development and to further progress their writing skills.

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



History

This half term we will continue to study the Amazon rainforest and history of life within it, including the people that live there such as the life of the Kayapo Tribe. This will provide us with a study of a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history. We will look at the chronology of civilisation in the rainforest and how it has evolved over time looking at their diets, homes, tribal celebrations etc.



Geography

This half term in Geography we will continue to learn about “Rainforests” with a focus on the Amazon rainforest.

We will be learning about the threats to the rainforest, deforestation and then moving on to look at how and why we can save the rainforest.

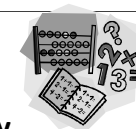


Numeracy

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

- Mental and written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Shape – 2D and 3D
- Place value
- Using and applying mathematics (problem solving)
- Telling the Time

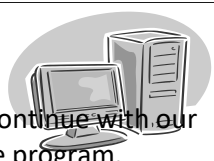
We will be focussing on key mental maths targets during High 5 sessions and practising and improving upon our knowledge so we are able to recall multiplication and division facts fluently.



Computing

In computing this half term we will continue with our rainforest booklets using the 2simple program.

We will also explore how some simple algorithms work and how to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs. This will be carried out by using the scratch program.



Science

The children will be studying the topic of ‘Animals Including Humans.’ We will find out about food groups and healthy balanced diets thinking about the nutrition we get from what we eat.

We will investigate skeletons and look closely at bones, joints and muscles, comparing human with animal skeletons and thinking about their use as support, protection and movement. Finally, we will make links with PE and look at the effects of exercise on the body.



RE/PSHE

Our weekly PSHE 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 PSHE we make explicit links to our whole school Christian Values.

During our RE lessons the children will be learning about the “Big Story” of the bible. We will be exploring the eight core concepts that are explored in Understanding Christianity. This half term the children will be concentrating on the concepts, ‘People of God’ and ‘Incarnation’. The children will have a good understanding of the wider context of Christianity and this will aid teaching of further units.

