

English

The children will be reading a variety of high quality texts including Aesop's fables and the Great Kapok Tree. We will be writing persuasive letters linked to deforestation and writing a non-chronological report about a rainforest animal. The children will be taught spelling, grammar and punctuation discretely.

Please read with your child at home regularly. There will be weekly spelling homework.

Science

Our first topic this term will be Light. The children will learn about the way light is reflected from surfaces; they will learn about the dangers of the sun and how we can protect our eyes and we will be investigating shadows.

After half term, our topic will be Electricity. The children will think about which appliances run on electricity. They will construct different electrical circuits using cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. We will find out about common conductors and insulators.

MFL

In French, the children will be learning to name different classroom objects and say which ones they do and do not have. We will be learning the days of the week and will be asking and answering questions about the weather.

Art

The children will be creating their own printed fabric using batik and repeating patterns. We will be looking at and discussing the work created by artist William Morris.

Physical Education (PE)

This term the children will be playing striking and fielding games such as cricket and rounders. They will also be developing their athletic and swimming skills. **Children should have their PE kit in school on: Mondays and Wednesdays.**

Computing

In computing, the children will be able to navigate around a spreadsheet and enter data. They will also be exploring a simulation, entering data into a graph and answering questions about it. They will use the skills they have learnt to design and create an engaging presentation.

Geography

The children will be answering the key question 'What are some of the geographical features of South America? To do this, they will learn about life and climate in South America as well as its physical features.

They will also be learning about the Amazon rainforest and looking at the pros and cons of deforestation and the effects of this, such as extinct animals and global warming, as well as what the children can do to 'save the rainforests'.

Year 3 and 4 (KS2) - Summer 2023

This term our topic will be:

South America



Religious Education (RE)

This term our ultimate question is: *What kind of world do people of faith want to live in?*

We will be learning about the Bible and the Qu'ran and considering what stories in holy books teach their followers. We will find out about how religious communities care for people.

Music

We will be composing music using 3 pitches and learning rhythms. The children will learn about Brazilian carnivals, samba and rhythm patterns using vocal percussion. We will be learning song structures using A minor and C major chords.

Maths

This term there will be a strong focus on developing maths fluency: being able to recall number facts quickly such as times tables and number bonds and use these facts when solving problems in different contexts such as money or measurement. We will set weekly homework to help children learn key number facts.

Year 3 will continue to learn about fractions, whilst Year 4 will develop their understanding of decimals.

Both Year 3 and Year 4 will be learning how to tell the time, including on a 24 hour clock. The children will be learning about different types of angles and lines in geometry. Year 4 will also learn to recognise different types of triangles and quadrilaterals.

Year 3 will learn how to read different scales and solve problems when measuring mass and capacity.

Year 4 will be learning to interpret charts and line graphs and they will learn how to use grid references to draw and move shapes.

Design and Technology (DT)

This term the children will be cooking. The children will be creating cakes for each class for the King's coronation. They will be conducting research and designing and baking cakes based on the results of the research.

History

We will be learning about the Incas and their effect on life in South America including key man-made landmarks.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

We follow the JIGSAW approach and this term our topics will be 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'. The PSHE ethos remains at the core of our curriculum.