

Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term ~ Class 3 (Y3/4)

In order for you to feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for the Summer Term 2022, I hope that you find this overview helpful...

This term, the children to become experts in Rainforests (Ecologists) through Geographical and Scientific based learning, all threaded closely together through English.

The children will be learning about how to find and name different biological regions across the globe, then focus on the Tropical Rainforests. They will learn about the massive variety of flora and fauna of the Rainforest and how they have adapted to survive there. The children will learn to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways, exploring and using classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things.

In the course of their learning, the children will read and write stories, poetry, explanations and non-chorological reports about the overall theme. They will learn the science of plants and plant growth; as well as forces and magnets related to navigation. They will study maps and atlases to improve their understanding of where in the world are the concentrations of environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics. They will identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle. Artwork will include using the styles and designs of the Kayapo Tribe to create own works of art and create abstract rainforest artwork in the style of Henri Rousseau.

English work will include narrative and non-fiction writing, developing key skills in spelling, punctuation and sentence structure. The class will spend a short time on a range of high quality/high challenge reading texts which will support the learning of subject specific vocabulary and help centre the children in the core theme. This will also support the learning of spelling rules and patterns, and the need to have a better spoken and written Standard English. I strongly encourage you as parents to ensure that your children are regular readers of interesting and challenging texts.

Mathematics work will focus further on number including decimals. There will be learning of position, direction and the geometry of shapes. Understanding graphs and charts will be taught and the children will be learning about the measurement and telling both analogue and digital time. There will as always, be a **strong** focus on learning multiplication tables, especially for the Year 4 children as they work towards the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). I hope that you will continue to use TTRockstars and Prodigy, which will be tailored to back up what is happening in class.

The children will be undertaking activities with our sports provider Premier Sports. The children will be developing skills, control, coordination and teamwork in games. They will also be working on development of physical control, movement and balance.

We all very much hope to have a packed term of learning and progress.

Mr. M Watson. Mr Holmes. Mrs Higginson & Mrs Thackerav

Update:

- Thank you for continuing to engage with Class Dojo to keep up to date with what is happening in school. Please check the 'Class Story' and 'Pupil Story' updates which give a window into the classroom. 'Pupil Story' allows your children and myself to share photos with only their parents.
- Please remember that your child will have their ReadTheory & TTRockstars login in their Homework book. Please use this resource as often as possible as it is proven to have a positive impact on children's achievement.

Messages:

- P.E will continue to take place on **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child attends school in a labelled kit.
- Swimming will take place on **Wednesday**, children will need a swimming kit on that day - one piece for girls and swim trunks for boys (not fashion items).
- For PE, earrings **must** be removed, and long hair **must** be tied back securely.
- Please listen to your child read 3-4 times a week for 10-15 minutes, it makes a huge difference to their learning and understanding.

Why Read?

Research proves that reading for pleasure can help us to:

Improve our literacy and communication skills

Feel less lonely and isolated

Improve our social skills

Get a job and progress at work

Reduce symptoms of depression

Increase our self-esteem and feel more confident

Open a door to other cultures and perspectives

Feel less stressed and anxious

Be more creative and imaginative

Do better at school, right across the curriculum

Get a better night's sleep