

Music and singing

All the learning in this unit is focused around one song: Blackbird by The Beatles - a song about civil rights.

Art

Children will be linking their topic and art by creating inspirational prints of rainforests. Children will record their observations, review and revisit these ideas. They will continue to improve their mastery of art and design techniques including drawing and painting with a range of materials.

PSHE

We are going to be learning about friendships. We will look at what makes a positive, healthy relationship. We will also look at how we deal with varying situations and emotions.

English

Across the school this half term, we are going to continue using an English resource (to support our work in writing) called *The Write Stuff*. As previously, writing work will be organised into units focussing on a particular genre. This half term we will be completing our poetry piece of writing 'The River'. We will then be moving on to a non-fiction unit, creating non-chronological reports on animals found in the rainforest.

Spellings

The children will be given new spellings each week to learn at home and in school. They will be having daily spellings lessons to learn and apply new skills as well as revise and consolidate their phonetic knowledge.

Reading

We will have guided reading sessions in school, focussing on developing our comprehension and inference skills. It is vitally important that children are also reading regularly at home (at least 5 times per week) and this needs to be recorded in reading records. There will be daily 'Quick Read Challenges' loaded onto google classroom to support children in developing comprehension skills.

Home Learning

Home learning will be uploaded on to Google Classroom every Friday. Please could this be handed in online by the following Wednesday. The children will have maths, English and spelling activities each week. If your child is struggling with a task that has been set, please do not hesitate to let us know, as we are happy to provide support. Please can you also listen to your child read at home and make a note of this in their yellow reading diary.



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Treetop Explorers



Topic

In topic, our learning question is 'Why are rainforests so important?'

This is a geography and science topic.

This will cover: climate zones; types of settlement and land use; the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water; food chains; identifying producers, predators and prey; environmental change.

We will then conclude our topic by heading to The Eden Project, for a workshop on 'The Great Plant Explorers'. This will consolidate the knowledge we build over this half-term and also give a greater understanding.

PE / Forest School

On Wednesday afternoons, children will be enjoying forest school with Mrs York. They will be building on their prior knowledge.

On Monday afternoons, we will be starting athletics. This will build on previous skills and technical knowledge that they have learnt. This will also be a great opportunity leading into sport's day.

We will also be learning a Maypole dance to show as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations we have planned.

Maths

We will be looking at the following areas during this term:

Decimals

We will be continuing our work on decimals. We will be exploring the link between fractions and decimals using concrete manipulatives and pictorial representations.

Money

We will further consolidate learning around money from year 3. We will look at decimal notation and basic calculations.

Time

12-hour clock and the 24-hour clock, converting between units of time, such as minutes and seconds, hours and minutes, calculating durations of time in word problems.

MFL

In this unit the children will learn how to:

- Recognise and repeat from memory simple classroom objects and use the correct gender.
- Say what they have and do not have in their pencil case.
- Recognise and respond to simple classroom commands and praise

RE

Our key learning question is, *When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?* We will be making clear links between the story of the Day of Pentecost and Christian belief about the Kingdom of God on Earth.