

Kestrel Class

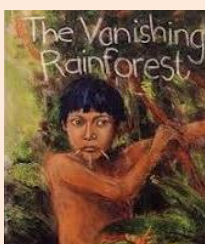
Curriculum Letter

Spring Term 2 2024

This half term, our topic is 'Rainforest Adventure'! In this geography based topic, we will become explorers and learn all about the Amazon Rainforest. We have an exciting trip planned during this half term and we will spend lots of time in school investigating South America and its people, plants and animals.

English

Our key text in English this half term is 'The Vanishing Rainforest'. We will use this book to discuss deforestation and its impact on the Amazon Rainforest. We will be learning how an author's choice of words can have an impact, as well as learning about paragraphs and subordinating clauses to add extra detail in our writing. We will take part in a debate and write a balanced argument to confidently discuss our viewpoints.



Maths

This half term we will be covering:

- Fractions (recapping key Year 2 learning then exploring unit and non-unit fractions)
 - Volume, capacity and mass

You can help at home by:

Continuing to practise times tables and providing opportunities for your child to use measurements.

Useful websites:

https://phet.colorado.edu/sims/html/build-a-fraction/latest/build-a-fraction_en.html

Design Technology

Our work in D.T. will also link to our science and geography learning. We will look at leaves of different native and tropical plants and then create our own designs to make with felt, using running stitch and over-sewing to join and embellish the materials.

Science

In our science lessons, we will be learning about plants! You can help at home by planting some seeds and observing the changes to the different parts of the plant over time. Cress, sunflower and runner bean seeds will all germinate quite quickly indoors at this time of year. Planting seeds into a clear pot will allow your child to observe the roots.

Useful websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zy66fq8>

RSHE

We will be starting our 'Healthy Me' topic, helping us learn how to stay safe and healthy.

Computing

This half term we will learn about how to use technology safely and responsibly. You can help at home by talking to your child about what they access online, the things they do to stay safe and what they should do if they have any concerns.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

RE

We will focus on the Easter Story. There will be lots of discussion to explore Christians' beliefs about Good Friday, as well as the topic of forgiveness.

Homework & Spellings

This half term's homework will follow the usual format and a 'Homework Menu' will be sent home with your child with a choice of tasks to complete over the half term. As well as these tasks, please read with your child daily and practise minute games and spellings. Spellings will continue to be sent home every Friday and tested the following Friday.