

Literacy

We will be writing a narrative focusing on the genre 'adventure'. We will focus on how to write paragraphs using detailed, descriptive language to engage the reader. We will also focus on writing an information text all about rainforests. Alongside this, we will write a formal letter and use persuasive writing based on their topic. These all link to our class text 'The Explorer' By Katherine Rundell.

Maths

This term we will begin by exploring fractions greater than one and this will lead nicely onto time. Also, this term will be looking at symmetry in 2D shapes. Finally, we will finish the year looking at division and division with remainders.

During April and May, we will continue to practice our times tables for the multiplication check.

Science

Our Science unit for this term will be 'States of Matter'. We will be looking at solids, liquids and gases; this will involve experiments and investigations alongside detailed observations and conclusions. The 'States of Matter' learning will include knowledge of the different states of matter, their properties and how they change state.

Art / Design and Technology

Our focus for Art is sculpture and ceramics. The children will explore how to display work and making 'plinth people' linking to our explorer topic. In design and technology, the children will be doing textiles. They will focus on sewing two materials together to create their very own bag.

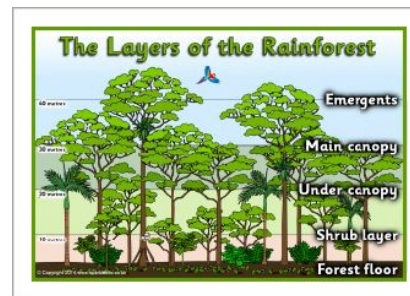
Physical Education

For our physical education this term, we will look at playing and learning the rules for rounders, cricket and finish the term learning different aspects of athletics. Our athletics will lend itself nicely to our sports day in the Summer term.

Computing/Music

During this term, we will focus on data and information and how to collect them. We will focus on using data loggers to record information. In music, we will be having pBuzz lessons to build our musical knowledge and skills ahead of year five when we learn to play brass instruments.

Year 4 – Rainforests



Year Four

Summer Term

History/Geography

During geography, our focus will be on rainforests; where they are located, their layout and the threats they are facing. We will touch on; deforestation, over-exploitation, invasive species and climate change. In history, we will be focussing on the Shang Dynasty of Ancient China. We will be discovering how they lived, their key beliefs and rituals and their prominent inventions.

Religious Education

This first half term, we will be learning about Christianity. We will look at Pentecost, what this is and why it is important to Christians.

During the second half of the term, we will look at how and why people mark significant events of life. This will look at Christianity and Hinduism; comparing the two and how they mark their significant events.