



Forests and Our Future

Why is it so important to save the world's forests?

Curriculum in Detail

Year 2, Summer Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our third and final term of Year 2!

This term, we will delve into the enchanting world of forests! Through engaging activities and discussions, we will learn about diverse ecosystems, the importance of forests on our planet, and the fascinating creatures that call them home.

Here is an overview of what we will be learning in each subject.

Maths

This term the children will encounter fractions for the first time this year. They will begin by learning about parts and wholes, before moving on to focus on specific fractions (namely halves, quarters and thirds). Later on in the term, the children will learn to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Learning to tell the time is notoriously difficult so there will be lots of additional home learning for the children to practise and it would be great if you could encourage them to start telling the time on an analogue clock (o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to) at home. We will finish the year with two short topics on statistics and position and direction.

English

Our writing this term focusses on the story of *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cheery, a tale of the Amazon Rainforest that introduces the children to the idea of rainforest conservation. The children will start by writing a recount of a journey to the rainforest, before writing some poetry about the beautiful rainforest plants and creatures.

Later on in the term, and for the remainder of the year, the children will revisit text types they have written earlier on in the year (such as letters and instructional texts) and write these in relation to texts about forests and plants.

Science

Through our first topic, '*Living things and their habitats – Habitats around the world*', the children will first revisit their learning from last term about habitats, before exploring different habitats around the world including rainforests, oceans and the Arctic and Antarctic. We finish the year with a topic about plants.

R.E

This term's R.E is based on the Islamic religion and focusses on who Muslims are and what they believe. The children will find out about Muslim ways of life and beliefs, so that they are able to develop thoughtful ideas and viewpoints of their own about some religions and spiritual questions.

Geography

As part of our exciting new topic based on forests, the children will explore woods and forests in our local area, find out about the features, animals and locations of rainforests, look at rainforest destruction and how this contributes to environmental damage, and find out about indigenous people of the rainforest, exploring how their life differs from our own.

Art

Get ready for a creative journey inspired by the artist, Henri Rousseau. Through hands-on art projects, the children will explore Rousseau's unique style of painting jungle scenes. They will have the chance to express their creativity while learning about colour, shape, and texture.

PSHE

PSHE sessions will continue to follow our *HeartSmart* programme, learning how to process negative emotions and choose forgiveness to restore relationships through this term's unit, *Don't Hold on to What's Wrong!*

P.E

The children will have P.E with Mrs Shirley on Mondays and Tuesdays. On Mondays, they will have Athletics, in which they will focus on jumping and applying an effective jumping technique. On Tuesdays, they will have Striking and Fielding, in which they will learn the basics of rounders.

Music

This term's unit is based on animals. The children will use instruments to represent animals, learn to copy rhythms, study a traditional Ghanaian call and response song and continue to explore simple musical notation.

Home Learning

Reading Daily for at least 15 minutes.

Maths, SPaG and Spelling Please encourage your child to complete their weekly home learning sheet, which includes 5 maths questions, 5 SPaG questions and 5 spellings to practise.

Times Tables Starting this term, the children will have weekly times table tests on Mondays and Fridays, giving them the chance to move up the times table ladder. **All children will start on the 10 times table.**

What an exciting term we are going to have!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on Class Dojo.

Best wishes,

Miss Phillips and Mrs Shirley