

### English

This half-term in English we will be looking at both fiction and non-fiction texts which focus on animals and the rainforest. The children will spend time looking at grammar, punctuation and spellings in order to improve their own writing. We will create our own version of 'What do you do with a tail like this?' thinking about verbs and descriptive sentences.

### Reading

We will explore quality texts each week during English including shared reading which will support your child to fully explore and understand aspects of the text which may not be obvious. Please encourage your child to share other texts at home with you, which they may not be able to read for themselves, this will expose them to new vocabulary. The children will continue to bring home a phonics book twice a week, please re read this book many times to encourage confidence and fluency.

### Phonics

We will be preparing the children for the Phonics Screening coming up in June by recapping the sounds we already know and spotting them in real and nonsense words. The children will be expected to apply alternative sounds in their writing which will be taught during small group and whole class phonics sessions.

### Handwriting

This half-term we will introduce joins with some letters, your child may be joining some but not all of their letters within a word and this is fine.

### Computing

We will be looking at algorithms and creating code to instruct an object to move a certain way. We will also reflect on our e-safety rules focusing on 'amount of screen time'.

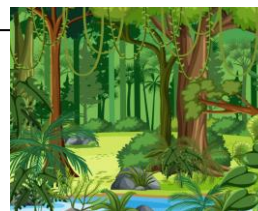
### Maths

This half-term we will apply our knowledge of place value within 50 and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and begin making equal groups and arrays. The children will think carefully about repeated addition and representing numbers using columns and rows in arrays, developing into multiplication and division. Later in the half-term we will learn how to half and quarter objects and amounts. All of the work we have done so far this year will support the children to be successful, please do practise fluency number facts such as number bonds to 10 and 20 and one more or one less than any given number.



**Quick as a flash..... number facts** This half term we are focusing on finding counting forwards and backwards in 2's, 5's and 10's.

## Summer Term 1 The Amazing Amazon



### PSHE

We will be thinking carefully about how to keep ourselves and our friends safe in all parts of life including being out and about and crossing the road.

**Values** We will explore and celebrate our values throughout our learning-being curious, resilient, courageous, kind, caring respectful and fair.

**Outdoor Learning** - We will use the outdoors in all areas of the curriculum. We will be exploring our school's grounds and picking different areas to use for our seasonal changes investigation. We will ensure our garden area is kept tidy and plant new plants. Forest school will continue weekly on Wednesdays.

### RE

This half term we will be looking at parables that Jesus told linked to our school values.

### PE

Games and Dance will be the focus of PE lessons this half term, the children will develop their hand-eye coordination skills and develop an understanding of rules within simple games.

### Show and Tell

We will continue to have a Squirrel Star each day, please help your child to think of 3 clues to describe what they have to show, when it is their turn.

### Topic

We will start off our topic by looking at the world map and the countries we have already learnt about. The children will then spend time locating the Amazon on maps and atlases and reflecting on what it might feel and look like to be in a rainforest. We will then explore the layers found in a rainforest and the types of plants and animals that live in each layer. We will end the half term reflecting on the impact of deforestation.

### Science

Our science lessons will link closely with our topic work focussing mainly on types of plants and the similarities and differences between them. The children will be practising their scientific skills such as looking closely and observing and categorising. We also have an animal workshop visiting us for the children to see, touch and ask questions about the live animals.

### Seasonal Changes

Over the year we will observe how our environment changes through the seasons monitoring the weather, length of day temperature, rainfall and how the trees look.

### Music

We will be following Surrey's interactive scheme Charanga , this half terms focus song is 'Round and Round' learning to play a Glockenspiel, and we'll also attend singing assembly.

### Art and Design

We will look at different pieces of art by Andy Goldsworthy and Richard Long who worked with the natural environment to create their art. We will then explore the work of Katerina Apale (Australian artist) and become inspired to create our own artwork demonstrating the importance of deforestation and the effect on our whole world!