

English

This half-term in English we will be looking at both fiction and non-fiction texts which focus on plants and the rainforest. The children will spend time looking at grammar, punctuation and spellings in order to improve their own writing. We will be adding prefixes and suffixes to different words and aim to use them in our writing correctly.

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 please re read this book many times to encourage confidence and fluency and develop expression!

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 - thinking about online information and how true or reliable it might be.

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. 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 and who we trust to help us. We will also think about how to call for help if someone is in trouble.

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 Thursdays.

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 are going to be "visiting" Peru and explore its links to the Amazon rainforest. We will use our geographical skills to locate and name the countries we have learnt about this year and compare the differences in location. We will explore the human geography in regards to the Amazon rainforest and nearby cities. We will look at how our lives are similar or different to children who live in Peru and explore what it would be like to go to school there. We will also look further into the culture including celebrating carnivals and learning about some of the types of food eaten at these celebrations.

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.

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 term's 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 be practising our drawing and shading skills using pencils and plants as our focus. We will also spend time researching carnival masks and then plan and make our own!