

Curriculum Overview and Homework Activities



Our topic this half term is 'Rainforests'. This is a geography based topic that will allow us to gain the following knowledge. In Geography lessons, we will learn all about the rainforest, find out about the four layers, learn how to locate the rainforests on maps, use sources to specifically research the Brazilian rainforest, learn about different animals that are inhabitants of the rainforest and compare different rainforests. This knowledge will support us in English, where we learn the features of a variety of text types (personification poetry, setting descriptions, diaries and discursive texts) before writing our own. In Science, we will be focusing on living things and their habitats, with a focus on rainforests. The children will learn about reproduction in some plants, the lifecycles of different animals and compare these, and learn about the late Jane Goodall and her discoveries about chimpanzees. In Art, we will be focusing on the artist 'Oenone Hammersley' and research about her conversation and artistic language, learn how to use different pencil types, practice combining water colours, learn how to recreate patterns using oil paints and create a final piece of art based on the artist. In RE, we will learn about Buddhism and belonging with this religion. In Music, we will focus on the skill of listening. In Computing, we will build on our knowledge of networks by focusing on researching and communicating components. In PE, we will learn the rules of basketball, including different passes and footwork skills, and improve our fitness levels by undertaking a series of high intensity fitness. In Spanish, we will learn different names of animals and phrases based on having pets.

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Homework in year 5/6 is a really important part of the learning process and if homework is not completed pupils will be asked to stay in and complete their tasks– this will prepare them for Secondary school, where the homework expectations are much more demanding.

Reading every night is the most important thing you do to support your child with their learning. There are weekly spellings to learn as well as TTROCKSTARS and timetables practice. We also set weekly math's homework– a sheet will be stuck in the homework book ready to complete.

These things MUST be completed before attempting any of the homework tasks below.

Create an illustrated map that shows a path of a rainforest nature walk (include information of what can be seen and heard)	Design and label an outfit that is suitable for a rainforest explorer (think about the materials that would be best suited)	Create a rainforest quiz using '2Quiz' on Purple Mash your friends to answer!	Design a rainforest themed game including a set of a instructions on how to play it.
Write a setting description describing what you might hear, see, smell and feel in the forest! (try not to start your sentences with 'I can...')	Create a piece of music representing the rainforest. Use the 'Busy Beats' programme on Purple Mash!	Build a mini rainforest structure (use your knowledge from last half term's DT lessons on structures to help you!)	Create a poster explaining why and how we should save our rainforests.