

Year 5/6 Spring Term 2 2020

# Rainforests

## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

### As writers we will:

Investigate the main features of a rainforest and create a non-chronological report based on it. We will also be writing a narrative based on Journey to the River Sea. Throughout all writing opportunities, we will be working to secure and develop our use of sentence structure and confidence to accurately apply a range of relevant punctuation to our writing. Both Mrs Fellowes and Miss Proctor will continue to teach their small, focussed groups of children.

### As readers we will:

Enjoy classic fiction from Rudyard Kipling—The Jungle Book. Best known for the 'Mowgli' stories, Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book expertly interweaves myth, morals, adventure and powerful story-telling. Set in Central India, Mowgli is raised by a pack of wolves. Along the way he encounters memorable characters such as the foreboding tiger Shere Kahn, Bagheera the panther and Baloo the bear.



### As mathematicians we will:

Continue to develop our understanding of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and apply our learning to solve multi-step problems. We will also be learning to convert between different units of time and measurement, for example, kilometre and metre; centimetre and millimetre; gram and kilogram; litre and millilitre and be learning to understand and use approximate equivalences between metric units and common imperial units such as inches, pounds and pints. Cooking (with a focus on weighing and measuring) reading timetables and revising analogue clock times with your child are just some of the activities that could be enjoyed at home to support your child with their learning here. Again, both Mrs Fellowes and Miss Proctor will continue to teach their small, focussed groups.

### As Scientists we will:

Be learning about living things and their habitats. The children will describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals. The children will be learning of the work of Carl Linnaeus in classification.

### As geographers we will:

Be learning to understand and describe key aspects of rainforests within the wider world. In this we will begin to identify changes caused by deforestation and the impact that palm oil has on this. They will look at how climate change is being caused by forests being cut down as well as the effects this has on the planet.

### Important Notices:

Every class will enjoy P.E. on Tuesdays. However; due to changing weather conditions, please ensure that children have a suitable kit (for both indoor, and outdoor activities) in school at all times.

Please continue to support your child's regular reading at home and ensure that their planner is signed by an adult so that we can celebrate their success with this.

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday and is due into school each following Wednesday so that there is time for it to be shared and marked.

SATs Booster Club will continue to be held each Monday after school for those children who have previously been asked to attend.