



Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 4 | Spring Term 2 | 2023



Dear Families,

Thank you for your continued support. This half term, we have really enjoyed learning about Anglo Saxon Britain in History and Electricity in Science. Here is an outline of the curriculum coverage for the second half of Spring 2. We will continue to use Seesaw as our online learning platform and will continue to keep it updated with any new information. Have a good and rested break and we look forward to another learning-packed half-term!

This half term, our topic is 'Rainforest Ramble' and we will be focusing our learning on the key question: *Why are Rainforests so important?*

Our 'Stunning Start' to launch our topic will be:

The Children will be using 'Now Press Play' to launch into our topic of the Rainforests.

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following virtual experiences, websites and texts:

Now Press Play - Rainforest experience.

Our 'Showcase' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

A speech about the rainforest to parents

Our 'Shared Outcome' to be shared with parents will be:

An after school speech session



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

English:

Key text:

- The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

Key skills:

- explanation: explanation structure, causal conjunctions, time conjunctions.
- suspense writing: build suspense by using short sentences, questions and ellipsis.
- Grammar, punctuation, spelling
- Comprehension

Maths:

Key topics:

Fractions

Decimals

Consolidation of knowledge

Science: In science we will be looking at vertebrates and invertebrates, and will be introduced to classification.

Computing: The children will be learning about

Geography: This half term we will learn about the rainforest: we will look at their location, climate, biodiversity and its impact on the planet. We will also consider the effects of deforestation.

RE: This half term we will be learning about Christianity through the question: In what ways is Jesus relevant today and in the future?

Art: We will be learning about Andy Warhol and Henri Rousseau and using paint to create art around the rainforest

PE: We will continue to use Complete P.E. to develop fundamental skills and to complete orienteering

Music: We will continue to use Charanga to explore the songs. The different elements of music such as rhythm, pulse, tempo and dynamics.

French: The children will continue to develop their French vocabulary by practising and applying their language knowledge in practical situations.

PSHE: This half term our focus will be on, 'A Healthy Me'.

Useful websites and texts to support learning in this topic:

- You could read, 'In the Rainforest' by Katherine Rundell with your child.
- You could visit the Kew Gardens website <https://www.kew.org/>
- Go online and check out: <http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/rainforest.html> or <https://kids.mongabay.com/>
- Research: why are rainforests so important?

Reminders:

Woodstock will be swimming every afternoon for the first week back. Children should bring their swimming things to school every day.

The other classes will swim between the following dates:

Sagano: 6th – 17th March

Amazon: 20th – 30th March

