



Year 2 Spring Term

Rumble in the Jungle!



Welcome back after the Christmas break! We hope that you have had an enjoyable holiday! This term we are continuing an exciting, thematic approach to teaching. This allows children to make connections between areas of learning, and consolidate skills. All the themes chosen deliver the programmes of study for the National Curriculum. R.E, PSHE and Science will be taught discreetly.

Maths

In Maths, the children will be solving problems involving multiplication and division, using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods, and multiplication and division facts, including problems in contexts. They will be recognising and using symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p), combining values to make amounts. As well as this, they will find different combinations of coins that equal the same amount of money. They will learn to interpret and construct block diagrams and tables. They will learn the features and properties of 2D and 3D shapes and be able to name triangles, squares, rectangles, circles, hexagons, pentagons, heptagons and octagons. The children will also be learning how to recognise, find, name and write the fractions- $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ and will also look at how to measure length and height.

English

In English, we will be reading a variety of texts around our theme and will start the term reading 'Silly Kitty and the Snowy Day' to help the children write a personal recount of their experience of snow the first week back. We will then move on to Buddy's Rainforest Rescue, linked to this term's theme. The children will also be working on writing sentences using a range of punctuation and will be encouraged to use conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and the suffixes- ness, ment, ful, less and ly to improve their writing. The children will learn about recounts and will have a special visit from an animal man to motivate them as writers.

Science

As scientists, the children will discover what animals, including humans need to grow, thrive and survive. They will explore the life cycles of various animals and investigate how young develop into adults, looking specifically at what humans need to live a healthy life. They will also learn about different habitats and all the living things within them.



Religious Education

In RE, the children will have an introduction into sacred texts of Christianity and Islam: the Bible and the Qur'an; children will discover why these books matter most in the religions they are learning about. They will also learn about the Easter story and why it is celebrated.

Design and Technology/ Art

As artists and designers, the children will be exploring the work of Henri Rousseau and creating masterpieces in his style around the theme of jungles. They will also be creating digital rainforest art and creating shoebox habitats.



PE

This term there will be a focus on games. Children will be learning how to throw and catch using different apparatus.

Geography

In Geography, the children will be learning about the locations, climates, weather, plants and environments of a range of tropical jungle rainforests.

Music

As musicians, the children will be learning to sing songs linked to the jungle using Charanga music. They will also be performing experiment with, create, select and combine sounds to create the sounds of the rainforest.

Computing

In Computing, the children will develop their multimedia skills. They will use Purple Mash to create a rainforest and iMovie to create a film animation for their rainforest expedition!

The children will continue to use Reading Eggspress, Fast Phonics, My Maths, TT Rockstars, Education City and Purple Mash to supplement their learning.