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English



Writing - Our English units will mainly link in with our Geography topic of Brazil and rainforests. We will be:

- Reading and writing our own persuasive texts, encouraging tourists to travel to Brazil;
- Exploring stories which raise issues by linking it the theme of saving the rainforest;
- Writing poetry about sounds, using onomatopoeia, this links to our Science topic 'Sound'.

Reading - During Guided Reading the children will focus on:

- Developing different reading strategies;
- Improving their comprehension skills using Reciprocal Reading to deepen understanding.

They will be taught to:

- Provide evidence from the text;
- Make sensible predictions;
- Clarify meanings;
- Summarise text.

Speak Up! - We are continuing to promote Standard English in both speaking and writing.



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Ms. King (YGL) - 4K

Mr. Dickey - 4D

Mr. Gaggini - 4G

Ms. Hussain - 4H



We continue to thank parents for their partnership with our school and their involvement in their child's learning. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Computing



Children will learn how to create their very own web page in the style of Wikipedia.

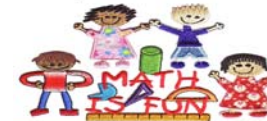
This is an exciting new unit designed to build on their Computing skill set. Computing will also be included within all subjects.

Maths

In Maths we will aim to master:

- Addition and subtraction;
- Multiplication and division;
- Fractions;
- Decimals;
- Lengths and measures;
- Shape;
- A range of problem solving opportunities.

Children must learn their times tables off by heart up to 12x12.



Science

We are learning about Sound. We will explore:

- How sounds are made and how they travel ;
- How sounds can be changed.

Our second topic will be 'Living things and their habitats', covering:

- How to group living things in a variety of ways;
- How to use classification keys to identify different living things in their environment;
- How environments can change and the effects of this.



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R.E/PSHE



R.E. - We will be looking at Christianity and why Jesus is important to Christians. We will also learn about how expressive arts are used in religion.

PSHE - Our topic will be 'Setting Goals' where the children will be able to create their own school and life goals!



4K - Mondays/Tuesdays

4G - Mondays/Tuesdays

4D - Mondays/Wednesdays

4H - Tuesdays/Wednesdays

Please remember to make sure your child has their PE kit on a Monday they will take it home to wash on a Friday.

Art/DT/Music



Art - We will make tunnel theatres as part of our rainforest topic.

Music - Ukelele lessons will be provided on a weekly basis during our ECaM sessions.

DT - We will make musical instruments in DT to link with our 'Sound' Science unit.

Home Learning

Homework is a continuation of school work at home and is a great opportunity for your child to practice the skills they have learnt.

Reading - For the children to progress in their reading, they need to read aloud daily. Please write a short comment in their reading log to communicate to us how they are reading at home.

Spellings - Weekly spellings should be practiced at home daily using the Read, Write, Look, Cover, Check strategy.

English - Please check your child's homework book. Homework will relate to the unit of work for that week. We expect a high standard of writing, the same as we would expect in a lesson.

Maths - Activities are given based on the unit of work taught that week and is set on the Mathletics website.

Website: www.mathletics.co.uk

Children also need to learn their times tables off by heart at home up to 12x12.

Speak Up! - A poem will be given to be learned off by heart at the beginning of each half term. These will be performed in an assembly each half term.



Geography



Geography - Our topic will be about the Rainforests and Brazil. Children will:

- Improve their map reading skills
- Learn how to find grid references
- Learn about the lives of Brazilian people
- Learn all about the physical geography of the Amazon
- Study the environmental issues that the Amazon is currently facing.

A very exciting topic that will link to English and Science!

Educational Visits



In March, we will visit Kew Gardens where children will get the opportunity to visit a rainforest environment. They will be able to investigate the rainforest in a special workshop. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children and I am sure they will learn a lot from this visit!