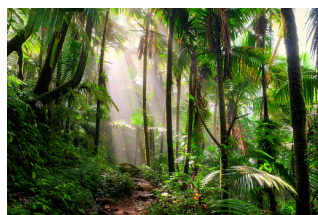




Year Four Newsletter: Autumn 2 2021

Vanishing Rainforests



Welcome to the Autumn 2 half term.

We are incredibly proud of how the children adapted to life back in school last half term. We know that for many of them it was a tiring time and we hope that they enjoyed the half term break and managed to recharge their batteries. We are hopeful that learning in Year 4 will continue without any disruptions as we power ahead on our Learning Journey.

Our Learning Theme

This half term we will be continuing to study the rainforests of the world but our focus will be on what is happening to them and how this affects the whole world. We will link our learning in English, science and art to this theme also.

Important Dates:

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th December - Christmas concert (details to follow)
Any other important dates that you need will be communicated separately.

Homework

Maths and spelling homework will continue to be sent home every fortnight in the form of a Learn by Heart Target. We would appreciate any help you could give your child in becoming confident and fluent in their maths and spelling targets. In addition, please could you encourage your child to practise their times tables either verbally or by using TT Rockstars online. If you would like ideas of other ways to practise times tables, please do get in touch.

Learning Log

A Learning Log will be sent home for your child to complete over this half term. This half term's learning log should be returned to school by **Monday 13th December**. Children are encouraged to follow their own line of enquiry linked to our vanishing rainforest theme or our wider curriculum areas.

PE Days

Tuesday – Outdoor - Movement and Fitness
Thursday – Indoor - Yoga
Please continue to come to school in your PE kit on these days. Remember school colours (no football shirts) and warm kit including coats for outdoor PE as it gets chillier, thank you.

Curriculum

English

In English we will be exploring persuasive adverts and writing our own based upon eco friendly alternatives to single use plastics.

Maths

In maths we will begin by extending our knowledge and understanding of addition and subtraction before moving on to converting units of measure linked to length and finding the perimeter of rectilinear shapes. Towards the end of the half term we will be multiplying and dividing by 0, 1, 10 and 100. We will also introduce the children to the 6 and 9 times tables.

Science

Our science unit will be exploring habitats and why habitats change before exploring food chains, the digestive system and identifying the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions.

History

In history we will be exploring how rainforests have changed over time and the reasons for this.

Art/DT

Our art and design lessons will explore the artwork of indigenous rainforest tribes who created Molas. We will then design and construct our own using our sewing skills.

Computing

In computing, we will continue to explore creating and presenting data using spreadsheets and formulas.

Other:

The children will continue with ukulele lessons on alternate Friday mornings.
In RE we will be asking 'What is the most significant part of the Christmas story for Christians today?' and discussing how there are important symbols during the story which signify a significant event. Feelings, emotions and conflict resolution is our theme for PHSE this half term.

Year Four Team

Earhart Class – Mr Hurtault, Mrs Bagnall
Fiennes Class- Mr Breeze, Mr Gedney

Mrs Thakker will be working across both classes teaching French.

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