



Autumn Term 2

Y3/4 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term, we hope that you all had a restful week together. We are now into our second half of the Autumn term and have lots more exciting learning planned for your child.

This is the work that the children will be covering over the following term in Y3/4:

Topic: Rainforests: Where in the world are Rainforests found?

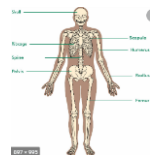


Our topic work will continue to focus on The Rainforest environment.

The children will develop their understanding further this half term by finding out more about the plants, animals and the climate of this tropical habitat.

Science: Animals – Skeletons and Movement

How is the skeleton made up? How many bones can be found in the Human Body? Should we eat certain foods to keep our bones healthy? These are some of the questions which your child will research and find out more about during our Science lessons this half term.

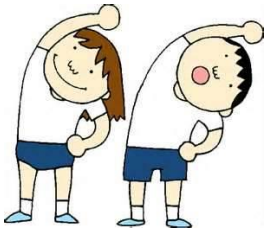


PE: Problem Based Learning

Our PE days are as follows:

- Swallows –Tuesday/Wednesday
- Woodpeckers – Mondays/Tuesdays
- Starlings– Wednesdays/Fridays

On the days when your child has PE, they should attend school in their PE kit for the entire day, in accordance with our Covid-19 risk assessment. Please ensure your child wears black shorts, white t-shirt and their school jumper or cardigan over the top. In cold weather, children are permitted to wear jogging pants. Children can come to school in their school shoes and change into their PE pumps on arrival to school if they wish or they may wear white or black trainers for the full day.



RE: How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim?

During this topic the children in LKS2 will learn more about the religion of Islam, the holy book ‘The Qur’an’ and what a Mosque is like as a place of worship. The children will also find out more about the festivals of Ramadan and Eid and how they are celebrated by Muslims all over the world.



PSHE: Keeping Safe

This half term the children Year 3 and 4 will learn about keeping safe in different situations whether it be at home, school or outside in parks and gardens. With the darker nights and celebrations such as Halloween and Bonfire night, the learning in this topic will be very important as a reminder to the children about how we can look after ourselves.

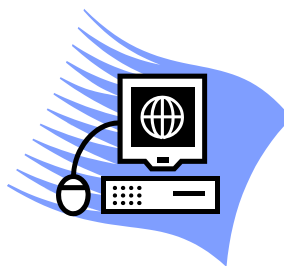
Music: Glockenspiel Stage 1

During this topic we will learn to play an instrument: The Glockenspiel! The children will learn how to locate the notes, how to follow simple music and also how to play alongside others as part of a class.



Computing: Digital Citizenship: Hands on Skills

As part of our Computing lessons this half term, we will be learning how to create a multimedia presentation using the tools online to develop our own by incorporating sounds, images and text. We will also learn how to use an online branching database to conduct a search and to analyse data.



DT: Mechanisms and Electrical Systems

This half-term the focus of our learning is mechanisms and electrical systems. Linked with our topic of Rainforests, we will learn how to create a moving book using a range of tools and materials which will then be presented to the KS1 children.



Please ensure your child is always fully prepared for the school day with their school bag, PE kit, reading record & reading book, homework and anything else they may have been asked to bring in.



Home learning:

- Read at home for 15-20 minutes every day – upload record on Seesaw.
- Practice spellings using Spelling Shed (test on a Friday)
- Learn times using Times Tables Rockstars (test on a Friday)
- Join in with the half termly project work. Every child should complete at least 1 piece of work from the topic web.



Home reading: To go for 'Green' in our school reading challenge each week, children must now read 5 times per week

A reading book will be sent home with your child every Monday. They will then keep this book at home for the rest of the week before returning it on a Friday. Children with longer chapter books will return it when they have read it. Read books will be put in the box by the classroom door and stay there till the following Monday.

Please ensure that your child reads and their home reading diary is signed by an adult before it is uploaded on Seesaw for Friday.

Keep a look out for our 'Reader of the Week' on the blog every Friday alongside our class 'Star of the Week'

Reading Challenge

5 times = Green

4/3/2 times = Yellow

0/1 time = Red

If your child achieves green for the week, they will be entered into a special prize draw!

Your child will also be able to bring home a book from the 100 book challenge list and they can also read from this and record this in their reading record too. The list of books which are part of the 100 book challenge can be found at the back of your child's reading record. Please feel free to read any of these books at any point of the year with your child and to add these to your child's reading record. It may be that you have some of these books at home or you may wish to borrow them from the library.

Our School Blog & Twitter!

Please check our school blog and Seesaw regularly. There are lots of photographs of what we have been up to in school and of special events. We will also put homework up on there too. If you have a problem logging in, please let one of the Y3 /4 team know and we can resolve the problem as soon as we can. It would be great to see some comments being added to the blogs as this is something the children enjoy reading and gives them further pride in their accomplishments.

