

Why should we protect our rainforests?



Year 5/6 Term 2

Key Areas of Learning

As **geographers**, we will be learning about rainforests. The children will be learning about where in the world they are located and then will be able to describe the main features of the Amazon rainforest. We will consider the importance of biodiversity and explore the different points of view when considering the future of the planet.

As **scientists**, we will be learning about light. The children will learn about how light travels and how it travels through different mediums. They will look at how we see, understanding how light travels to our eyes and the connection to the brain. We will learn about refraction and reflection and how light is reflected off different surfaces and we will be investigating how shadows change depending on the distance from the light source.

English

In English this term we will begin by learning a warning story and then writing our own using the learned features. We will then be writing instructions focusing on clarity.

We will be continuing to read *The 1000 Year old Boy* by Ross Welford focusing on retrieval and inference skills.

Maths

In maths this term we will be working on our Times Table Rockstars. In class we will be working on fractions, comparing and ordering them, finding equivalent fractions, and converting them from improper to proper fractions and whole numbers.

RE

In RE we will be exploring the question: Does God communicate with man? We will be looking at prophecies and how the birth of Jesus was announced.

German

This term we will be practicing our greetings and talking about ourselves. We will be focussing on using connectives.

Music

In music this term we listening to and responding to different film music. We will be considering the different instruments used and the feelings the composer wants to provoke.

Art/DT

This term our focus will be on illustrations using a range of mediums. We will also be creating advent calendars and then at school designing and sewing our own Christmas tree decorations.

PE

The children will be playing dodgeball in their PE sessions, creating attacking tactics and applying them in game situations.

The children will also be furthering their hockey skills with a weekly hockey session.

PSHCE

Our theme for the term is what makes up a person's identity. We will be thinking about individuality and different qualities and mental wellbeing.

Spirit, Moral, Social and Cultural Awareness

We will continue to learn about cooperation through stories from around the world. We will be taking part in Anti-Bullying week and explore why some children become bullies and remind ourselves about the steps we can take to stay safe. We will also hold a remembrance assembly and later in the term begin to learn about the traditions that surround Christmas.