



Year 4 Spring Term 2020 - 2021

English

In the first half of the term we will be reading 'The Great Kapok Tree' this book is linked directly to our topic of the Rainforest.

In the second half of the term we will be reading 'One Plastic Bag' discussing the problems the world is currently facing with plastic pollution as well as a brief insight into African culture.

We will be looking closely at the elements of speech writing as well as writing to inform, plan and entertain.

Science

The topic that will be covered in Science for the Spring term is 'Living things and their habitats'

As part of this topic children will be looking closely at different biomes and use virtual tours as a means of seeing different environments up close.

Mathematics

Mathematics topics will follow the White Rose progression map covering the following subjects:

1. Multiplication and Division
2. Area
3. Fractions
4. Decimals

There will be weekly multiplication tests, as well as times tables speed practice.

Computer Science

The computer science topic for the Spring term is computer safety.

Religious Education

In Religious Education lessons the children will be learning about the beatitudes as well taking a close look at liturgy.

Physical Education

Netball & Dance

PHSE

In our study of Personal, Social and Emotional education we will be having discussions on current events in the world.

We will also be discussing the following topics:

1. Judging by appearances
2. Understanding influences
3. Understanding bullying
4. Problem solving



Protecting our world.

Design and Technology

The children will be constructing rainforest dioramas looking closely at every layer.

Later in the term the children will also be exploring the use of plastic and finding other materials that could be used in its place.

Geography

In Geography the children will be delving into the wonders of rainforests and biomes.

The first half of the term will focus on Rainforests, detailing the difference between each layer as well as the plant life and vegetation found there.

During the topic, the children will learn about important people living in the rainforests and the struggle they are currently facing with deforestation.

In the latter part of the term the children will focus on the different biomes around the world.

Music

The children will be taught drumming by Jason from Kingston Music Services.

Djembe Drumming: exploring different rhythmic patterns

Dragon Scales: Exploring melodies and scales

Art

Vincent van Gogh: Inspiration for his paintings
Vincent van Gogh's life and work

Responding to Indigenous art and then attempting to recreate the artistic skills.

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas break. We are eagerly anticipating the arrival of the children and although the times ahead are unclear, we will ensure that the children have an enjoyable experience with learning as always.

This term we will be focusing on protecting our planet, this topic is incredibly important as we shape the minds of the children to encourage them to make the right decisions to keep our planet safe.

It is useful for the children to keep their PE kits in school all week. Sometimes the timetable has to be flexible and we like to be ready to do physical activities whenever we can, often needing our PE kits.

The weather continues to be a harsh cold and we suggest that you send your children to school with weather appropriate clothing. The doors and windows will remain open throughout the day to ensure that there is a healthy airflow.

Although the term ahead is unprecedented we remain optimistic and resilient. As always we are very thankful for all your support.

Kind regards,

Mr Francois Williams & Mrs Corlett

Please refer to the school calendar for whole school events.

Character Virtues for the Spring Term

- January – Ambition
- February – Curiosity
- March – Conscientiousness
- April – Perseverance