

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Harriers

Autumn 2017



Our Theme: Rainforests (Saving the World)

Our Key Values:

Caring, Commitment to Achieve, Co-operation,
Fairness, Honesty, Respect



Welcome to Y3/4 in the Harriers. I hope your child feels they have settled into the class over the last few days. This is a brief outline of the topics covered until the end of December.

English

In English, we are learning how to develop creative writing skills in fictional stories and poetry, studying stories from other cultures and exploring the features of information and persuasive texts, as well as promoting grammar, spelling and punctuation during every lesson.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we are learning about the skills involved in calculating using the four operations. We will also work through activities in place value, data-handling and fractions as well as combining these skills in real-life and word problems. Times tables will be learnt on a weekly basis.

Science

In Science, we are studying two themes, Plants and Living Things. We will identify different parts of flowering plants, explore what plants need to grow well and the life cycle of the plant. We will group living things in a variety of ways using classification keys.

R.E.

In R.E., we are learning about Creation as part of our 'Understanding Christianity' topic.

Computing

In Computing we are learning about how to stay safe when using the internet, how to write a program to create an educational game and how to design a simple interactive toy.

PSHE

In PSHE, our themes within the Jigsaw scheme of work will be 'Being Me in my World' and 'Celebrating Difference'.

P.E

With Mr Toothill we will be completing activities in Football, Swimming, Hockey and Health Related Fitness.

International Primary Curriculum

We learn these subjects through our theme. For our themes we have an entry day to enthuse the children and an exit day to celebrate all that we have learned.

Our theme is Rainforests.

Our Entry day activities involve creating a rainforest scene with collages of trees, plants and animals.

Our Exit day activity is a Rainforest Show, including an art gallery, a rainforest concert and lots of information to read and share.

As Geographers we will be finding out

- where rainforests are in the world and which rainforest products we use
- about the lives of rainforest people
- about how and why the rainforest is being destroyed
- the ways that people are trying to save the rainforest

As Artists we will be finding out

- about rainforest body art and painting masks in the style
- how we can use art to create a rainforest scene

As Scientists we will be finding out

- about different rainforest plants and animals
- about rocks and soils found on the forest floor
- about colour in the rainforest and how it is used by animals
- about best conditions to grow plants
- about rainforest fruits and seeds

As Designers we will be finding out

- how to plan and make our own tropical fruit drink

As Musicians we will be finding out

- how to represent a rainforest scene using music

Important Information

As per the school homework policy which is available at www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk homework will be set on Thursday and returned on Monday.

Our Swimming day is Monday

Our PE day is Friday

The children will be developing their knowledge of multiplication and division facts. This will include a short task on a Friday. Please help your child with learning the facts they bring home on a Friday.

We will be reading with the children in class as part of their Guided Reading but we are sure that your child would love to share their books with you at home. Please continue to hear your child read and sign their Reading Record book when you do. Thank you.

We will be available to speak to in the playground everyday if you have a query or would just like to talk about your child's work. If you are unable to speak to us, please make a call to the office or send an email and we will endeavour to speak to you by the end of the day.

Kinds regards,

Gary Easby

Megan Stumm (School Based Trainee Teacher)