

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Kestrels

Summer 2021



Our Theme: Riddles of the Rainforest

Our Christian Values:

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



Welcome back Kestrels! I hope you all had a great Easter holiday and are all refreshed and raring to go. It's summer term already and it's so nice to be all back together again in our classroom. We have lots of fun activities planned for you this term so hold on to your (summer) hats, and lets do this!

English

In English, we will be developing our creative writing skills in narrative, using, as our inspiration, stories from a range of cultures, the film "Rio" and a selection of picture books. We will also be exploring the features of discussion texts, journalistic writing and persuasive texts, as well as promoting grammar, spelling and punctuation in every lesson.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, our topics will include data-handling and telling the time, as well as position and direction using co-ordinates, and shape. Times tables and mental arithmetic will continue to be practised weekly.

Geography

Our theme is "Riddles of the Rainforest" and we will be looking in depth at the location of rainforests around the world, as well as researching what plants and animals live in the Amazon rainforest. We will discover what we products we use which come from the rainforest and also discuss what impact this is having on the rainforest itself, especially deforestation.

Design and Technology

In DT, we will be designing and making a cushion based on a rainforest theme. We will be designing it, then making paper patterns to pin onto our chosen material. The material will be stitched onto the cushion using a variety of stitches before being stuffed and sewn together. After half term, we will be looking at food which comes from the rainforest and designing a meal based around these items.

RE

In R.E, we are focusing on God (Islam) and Big Questions (including Christianity). We will discussing themes such as the Five Pillars of Islam and questions like "What is a good life?"

P.E

With Mr Toothill we will be completing activities in Rounders and developing our athletic skills.

PSHE

In PSHE, our themes this term are Relationships and Changing Me. We will discuss how we get on with others and strategies to help when things don't go quite right, then after half term we will be looking at how our bodies change as we grow up. This will be done in single year groups.

Important Information

Our P.E days are Monday and Wednesday. Please remember to come to school wearing your outdoor PE kit on these days.

Spelling rules will be learnt and tested on a weekly basis, as per the new homework, and tables tests will take place on a Friday. It would be greatly appreciated if you could help your child to prepare for these each week, particularly with using Time Tables Rockstars.

Please continue to hear your child read and complete their Reading Record book. We have started our Summer Reading Challenge this week and so will be checking for reading four times a week. Discussing and spelling words from the Y3/4 list within the Reading Record would also be a great help. Thank you.

I hope this gives you a clearer picture of the work we will be covering this term. I'm sure we will have a great time exploring all these areas. As always, if you have any queries about anything, please email or catch me in the playground.

Thank you.

Victoria Woodgate