

Class River Curriculum Summary



Our topic this term
is:
Rainforests!

Our value this term
is:
Friendship

PE: Class River will have PE on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** this term. Please send your child to school in their kit on these days.

English: We will develop our scene setting skills by reading the story, 'The Tin Forest' and then creating fantastic descriptions. We will learn about the features of persuasive letter writing, then apply this to write letters based on 'The Great Kapok Tree'.

We will explore list poetry and narrative poetry through reading, 'The Rainforest Grew all around'.

RE: What is the 'good news' Christians believe Jesus brings?

RSHE: My Happy Mind - understanding and celebrating our uniqueness! Appreciating and showing gratitude.

Learning about friendships and relationships.

DT: Using different cutting, shaping and joining techniques to create rainforest boxes.

Topic: We will be learning about rainforests around the world. We will start by locating the rainforests and the tropics. This will help us to understand the climate of the rainforests. We will make rain gauges and record our results in a table to compare rainfall in Huntley to an area of the rainforest. We will make model rainforests to understand the layers and the plants that grow there. We will also create fact files to inform other people about the animals that live in the rainforest, using our topic specific vocabulary. Children will compare their lives to lives of children in the Kayapo tribe from the Amazon rainforest. We will also learn about deforestation and what we can do to help protect the planet!

Mathematics:

Year 2

Addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers.
Multiplication and division: 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Year 3

Addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers.
Multiplication and division: 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Homework: Maths and spelling homework will be sent home on Fridays and will be due back the following

Wednesday. Make sure to practise your spellings every day at home!

Read everyday to earn rewards on our reading challenge!

Y2 should use Numbots and Y3 Numbots/ TT Rock Stars to practise your maths learning!

Science (Y1/2): Uses of everyday materials.

We will understand how we can use more than one material to make a strong house to protect against the Big Bad Pig. We will also find out about John McAdam and the material he invented!

Plants. We will plant and observe the growth of a bean plant, recording the changes we notice. We will identify parts of plants and trees and explore those growing around school. We will observe the changes in the seasons.

Please see Class Estuary's page for Y3/4 science.

Art: We will be creating rainforest flower sculptures.

French: Y3 will have French with Y4.

Computing: Desktop publishing and exploring computer systems and networks.

Other:

8th January - Back to school.

9th February - Half term

We will have gymnastics lessons this term.

We will be focusing on when we have seen ourselves and others showing our character strengths from My Happy Mind!