

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Class Two

Autumn 2017



**Our Theme : Rainforests
(Saving the World)**

Our Key Values:

Caring, Commitment to Achieve, Co-operation,
Independence, Happiness, Respect



Welcome to Class 2! We are all looking forward to a brand new academic year working together on lots of exciting topics.

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 sports teachers from Caistor Yarborough Academy, the children will be focusing on hockey and football. Children will be taught swimming by Mrs Watson this year, who is a qualified swimming coach. Lessons will take place at Market Rasen School.

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 a treasure hunt to find animals that you would find in rainforests in different parts of the world and making a rainforest flexangle.

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.nettleton.lincs.sch.uk, homework will be set on Thursday and returned on Monday.

Our P.E day is: Tuesday

Our Swimming day is: Thursday

Please ensure that your child has the correct P.E. kit in school, including jogging bottoms for those colder days.

Please continue to encourage your child to read at night, and sign their organiser when they do. Asking questions about what they have read will also help their comprehension skills, which is a big focus in school this year.

I hope this gives you a clearer picture of the work we will be covering this term. I'm sure it will be another exciting term of work; the rainforest IPC topic is great!

The children from Year 2 have settled into the class very well already, which is great to see. I am confident that we are going to have a great year of learning together.

If you have any queries about anything, please feel free to pop in and see me. I am always available.

Thank you.

Rebecca Edwards, Class 2 Teacher