

# Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

## Class 2

Summer 2021



## Our Theme: Riddles of the Rainforest

### **Our Key Values:**

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



Welcome back! It's so lovely to have all the children back together in class again. Even though things continue to be a little different in school, we are all now used to the "new normal" and we are looking forward to a new term working together on lots of exciting activities.

### **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 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 be discussing themes such as the Five Pillars of Islam and questions like "What is a good life?"

### **P.E**

In PE lessons, 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 which will be done in single year groups.

### **Important Information**

Our P.E days continue to be Wednesday and Friday. Please remember to come to school wearing your outdoor PE kit on these days.

As per our revised homework policy, homework will be set on Friday and returned on Thursday. As you will see, there are four opportunities for you to sign the homework tasks that have been set for the week.

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.

***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 feel free to email me or catch me before/after school.***

***Thank you for your continued support.***

Best wishes

Miss Morgan