

Learning Forecast

Autumn Term 2 - Rainforests

Baybridge Class



English

This term's English focus is linked to our topic on Rainforests. We will be looking at the 'Deadly 60' information text and creating our own versions of animal fact-files based on this. We will also be writing our own formal, persuasive letters, linked to saving/preserving the rainforests and stopping deforestation.

Children will explore the language needed in non-fiction texts and the layout of such texts. Some children will be working towards their pen license and establishing a consistent handwriting style.

Science

Our science learning this term is all about 'States Living Things & Their Habitats'.

We will explore a range of living things (animals/humans/plants) and learn about what they need to survive.

Geography

Our overall topic this half term is 'Rainforests'. The children will be learning about rainforests as habitats, exploring their ecosystems and vegetation. They will also learn about the animals and people who inhabit rainforests, the layers of the rainforest and deforestation. Our topic will start with an exciting Hook day at Marwell Zoo!

Maths

For maths, we will continue to work on Addition & Subtraction and move on to Multiplication and Division. We will work on their fluency and understanding of these areas, their mental maths skills as well as their ability to reason and explain their thinking mathematically and use formal methods.

Throughout the term will also focus on our times tables. Y4s will be assessed on these towards the end of the year. You can help at home by accessing Times Table Rockstars, even if it is just for just 5 minutes each day.



Reminders

Book bags and water bottles must be in school **daily** and emptied each night.

They can bring **ONE healthy** fruit snack in their book bag.

All children in Year 3/4 come dressed in PE uniform on Monday and Wednesday. Y4 will also be doing Forest School this half term.

Children should be **reading** as many times per week as they can. Reading books and records must be in school every day.

Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is named.

Reading

We will mainly be focusing our reading and comprehension skills around the classic text 'The Explorer' by Kenneth Katharine Rundell - connected to our Rainforest topic.

The children will work on their inference skills, making predictions and familiarisations with characters from the story.

PE

We will have PE on a Monday and a Wednesday. The children will be focusing on badminton and gymnastics this half term.

PSHE

In PSHE we will focus on a topic based around 'Being My Best'.

We will continue to develop our values of collaboration, resilience and respect through listening and discussion.

Music

The children will now be taught by teachers from Hampshire Music Service, partaking in a new scheme called 'Beyond the Beat'. They will learn how to play a woodwind instrument and will be working towards a performance at the end of term.

RE

In RE, children will be looking at the concept of 'Interpretation', looking at Christian Christmas beliefs.