

English

Our English this term will be inspired by the theme of rainforests, explorers and key texts such as The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry, The Jungle Book and Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling and Explorer by Katherine Rundell. We will be covering a range of writing styles including formal letter writing, narrative, biographies, poetry and discussion writing.

Music

Caterpillars, Badgers and Roe Deer will be learning about note reading so they can perform in groups, and learning to play the ocarina.
Foxes will be using their note reading skills to sing and play part music.
Kestrels will be learning about the 12 Bar Blues & using garage band on the iPads to record their own Blues piece.

Art

In this unit of work, the children will be developing their observational drawing skills, press printing technique and painting using watercolours. Using these skills, they will create a rainforest scene. They will explore the use of colour, shape, texture and pattern.

Design and Technology

The children will be creating their own bread recipes, using fair trade products. They will research the different types of packaging, developing an understanding of the importance of different materials used and design their own. The children will then make their bread and use different marketing strategies to promote their products, with the aim to sell them in order to raise money for a rainforest charity.

Science

All of our science topics follow the National Curriculum programmes of study for each year group.

Caterpillars – Forces and Magnets and Light

Roe Deer and Badgers - Living Things and Their Habitats

Foxes– Living Things and Their Habitats and Animals Including Humans

Kestrels – Evolution and Inheritance and Animals Including Humans

PSHE

Our theme for circle time this term is citizenship and global issues.

Rainforests

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R.E

In this unit, children will develop an understanding of the range of religious views held globally, nationally and within their immediate locality. Children will know what it means to belong to a peaceful community where diverse views are tolerated and accepted. They will learn about different religious teachings on peace. The children will consider how this impacts on their lives and the part they can play in contributing to a peaceful, tolerant community.

P.E

The children will be developing their skills in athletics and tennis. In their dance lessons, the children will learn a Charleston themed dance to the Jungle Book Song *King of the Swingers*.

Computing

The children will be learning how to manipulate and combine media using photo and video software.

Geography

Children will be able to locate the world's rainforests on a map. They will locate The Equator and Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and know that tropical rainforests are situated within them. They will be able to draw comparisons between our own local environment and the rainforest environment. They will be able to describe in detail the key features of a rainforest environment, including climate, geographical features and inhabitants. They will understand that the rainforests are under threat and that people can improve and damage the environment through their actions. They will use primary and secondary sources of information to conduct investigations and communicate findings using appropriate geographical language.