



Year 5 Programme of Work - Autumn 1st Half Term 2009



Much of the work the children will undertake this half term is based on the theme of the Tropical Rainforest. Our trip to the Living Rainforest in Newbury on Monday 14th September is sure to capture their imaginations and stimulate their creativity.

Literacy

The children will write narrative and instructions using rainforest texts as a stimulus. They will be involved in drama and speaking and listening activities, which will provide creative ideas and prompts for their writing. They will have weekly spelling tests on Thursdays when new spellings for the following week will be handed out. We would be very grateful if you could support your child in learning these regularly.

Numeracy

Over the year the children will be following the National Primary Strategy for Numeracy and will cover a range of topics in Number, including place value, multiplication and division using a variety of methods. They will also work on their understanding of areas of Shape, Data Handling and Measure, covering different types of graph, features of shapes and weight.

Science

The children will study topics in Science which are related to the Tropical Rainforests. They will learn about the life-cycle of flowering plants, classification, food chains and adaptation. The visit to the Living Rainforest will enhance their understanding of many of these areas, as will the opportunities for practical investigations which have been planned.

Geography

This subject is central to the Tropical Rainforest theme! The children should by the end of their study be able to answer the question as to why the rainforests are so significant and important to the future of our planet. They will learn about where the forests are, who and what lives in them, why they are under threat and what can be done to save them.

ICT

The children will carry out research on a Tropical Rainforest creature of their choice on the internet and produce a multi-media PowerPoint presentation on it.

Design and Technology

They will design and make a soft toy of the creature they have chosen to research. They will be taught a range of decorative stitching to embellish and join their toy.

Art

Tropical Rainforests are a wonderful stimulus for artwork using a wide range of media and much has been planned including work based on the trip to the Living Rainforest. They will create leaves, flowers and creatures to turn the classroom into our own rainforest.

Music

The children will work in groups to produce their own composition based on the sounds of the rainforest.

PE and Games (They need kit on Wednesday and Thursday)

In Games the children will further their skill and understanding of the games of hockey and rugby, culminating in playing 5-a-side versions of both. In PE the focus will be on dance, again related to the theme of the Rainforests.

RE/PSHE

The children will learn about creation stories of different world faiths and consider the impact beliefs have on environmental issues. We have also introduced the idea of 'Values' to year 5 and this half term we are focusing on 'Respect'.

On a final note, please could you encourage your child to bring the appropriate equipment with them to ensure they are ready to start each day in class fully prepared. They should have handwriting pens, pencils and a 30 centimetre ruler. Thank you very much for your cooperation with this.