

Class Three

Our whole school theme for the Spring term is “**Colours of the World**”

Our Geography topic for this term is “**The Amazon rainforests**”

This term, the children will continue to receive homework once a week to be returned by the following Tuesday when we will mark it. This will be linked to work done in class and will include literacy, maths or topic work. Please continue to support your children with learning their spellings and times tables at home, as well as reading with them as often as possible. Home reading does not always have to be their school reading book. However, if you could log it in their reading records and sign, that would be brilliant!

Literacy

For the first two weeks, the children will study a poem called ‘*The River*’. We will learn about how rivers are formed before moving on to look at the descriptive language used in the poem as well as the themes, structure and vocabulary. This deep dive into the poem will help the children to plan and write their own poem about a river. Our non-fiction topic this term will be diary writing linked to a book called ‘*Amazon Diary – The Jungle Adventures of Alex Winters*’. This will teach the children the features of diary writing whilst also educating them about the tribes who live in the Amazon jungle. Later in the term the children will do some fiction writing linked to our topic. We will continue with our guided reading ‘Book Talk’ sessions, where the children read aloud in class, define unfamiliar words and talk about the book using specific questioning linked to the assessment criteria.

Mathematics

The children will continue to develop their mathematical skills this term following the White Rose Maths scheme of work. Topics being taught this term will include mass and capacity; length and perimeter, fractions and multiplication and division. The children will continue to practise their arithmetic strategies for the four operations; adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing and will learn a variety of methods including partitioning, column method, grid method and the bus stop method. These methods will help the children to solve a variety of word problems. We will continue with our Friday times table tests and I would appreciate it if you could help your child/ren learn their times tables at home as there is a government times table test for the Year 4 pupils at the end of the year.

Science

The science topics for this term are ‘Sound’ and ‘Light’. Over the coming weeks the children will identify how sounds are made and find patterns between the pitch of a sound and the features of the object that produced it. As part of the ‘Light’ topic, they will learn about how shadows are formed, find patterns in the way that shadows change and notice that light is reflected from surfaces.

Information and Communication Technology

We will be focusing on two projects this term. In our *New Country* project we will use cameras to accurately create short clips for editing and plan a movie with a script, combining text, music and images. In *The Zoo* project the children will build a webpage that includes text, images and videos.

Religious Education

This term we will be looking at Faith Founders through Buddhism and Islam. The children will also spend some time reflecting on their own spiritual development which will involve considering themes in the popular book '*The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*'.

MFL

The children will continue to build their knowledge of the French language by learning new vocabulary to enable them to talk about food, months, family and the Little Red Riding Hood fairy story. We will also do some maths in French.

Geography

The children will study the Amazon rainforest including the layers of the rainforest, the people and animals who live there and the geographical similarities and differences compared to other forests. We will also consider the importance of the rainforest and the devastation caused by deforestation.

Art & Design Technology

Linked to our topic work, the children will learn about printing and over-printing using at least two colours and different printing methods. Design Technology will see them preparing savoury food from South Africa, working safely and hygienically to chop, peel, grate and combine a range of ingredients.

Music

As well as taking part in weekly guitar lessons, the children will strengthen their musical knowledge using the Charanga website.

Physical Education

This term, the children will consolidate and learn new fitness and gym skills and continue with the country dancing we started at the end of last term.

PSHE

Following the Laughology- happy schools scheme, we will focus on coping mechanisms.

I am very much looking forward to continue working with your child this term. If you have any questions I can help with, please do ask.

Mrs Hartley