

St Thomas and St Anne's CE Primary School

Termly Overview

CLASS: Oak

Theme: Rainforests

ENGLISH

This term the children will cover units in, narrative, poetry and non-chronological report writing. The children will continue to read a range of texts within these genres and use video clips as stimuli for their writing. They will be asked to predict events based on what they have read so and identify features of the focus genre. In their writing, the children will continue to use a range of sentence types. The children will be consolidating their use of relative clauses, modal verbs and the passive voice. They will also focus on using parenthesis effectively and how commas add clarity to their work. The children will be continuing to learn about spelling patterns.

MATHEMATICS

The children have started this term by learning and reasoning about fractions. We will move on to learning about finding equivalent fractions and writing fractions in their lowest term. The children will learn about addition and subtraction of fractions and for pupils in Y6 about how to multiply and divide fractions. The children will be continuing practising mental methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and applying this knowledge to practise using written methods for calculating. We will be encouraging the children to practise times tables facts weekly, to improve their fluency, as times tables are fundamental in underpinning all mathematical concepts. Any support in learning and rehearsing times tables knowledge at home would hugely benefit your child.

SCIENCE

In Science we will be continuing to learn about materials and their properties, focusing on methods for separating mixtures. We will then move on to our new topic about animals, including humans. We will be identifying and naming the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describing the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. We will think about the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way our bodies function. We will describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans. We will also describe the changes as humans develop to old age.

COMPUTING

The children will also learn about the World Wide Web and how it allows people to connect, work together and share information. The children will work with the basic components of website programming.

TOPIC (History, Geography, Art and Design, Design and Technology) Earth Matters

This term our focus will be about building on children's previous learning about Rainforests. We will learn about the destruction of the rainforest and research the arguments for and against deforestation.

In art, the children will learn about drawing portraits.

We will also explore food resources in the forest and look at creating rainforest recipes.

MODERN LANGUAGES (FRENCH)

Children will continue to practice their speaking and listening skills each week and also develop the recording of their ideas. They will focus on vocabulary relating to key events that take place at school and home, including hobbies and interests. They will use prior learning to incorporate time, including days, months and saying and recording time from a clock.

PE

PE lessons will take place on a Tuesday (TNS Hockey and 'Personal Best') and Friday (Swimming). Please can children have the correct PE kit, including trainers, in school all week.

MUSIC

Musical Heroes will be continuing to deliver whole class music this term focusing on a range of vocal, instrumental and composition skills. Lessons will take place on Thursday afternoons.

RE

In RE we will be focusing on how people from different religions express their beliefs through worship and celebration, and how people make sense of life and death. Towards Easter we will be thinking about what Jesus did to save human beings and what difference the resurrection makes to Christians.

PSHE

The children will be focussing on the unit 'Good to be me'. This includes focussing on self-esteem and feelings.

HOMEWORK

Children in Y5/6 should spend approximately 1.5 hours per week on homework. The homework tasks will link to our work in English and maths. These will be given out and explained to the children on a Thursday. It should be handed in on a Wednesday, into the 'Homework' tray in the classroom. Tasks also include reading, spellings and times tables practise. There will also be a termly project which will be based on our topic.