

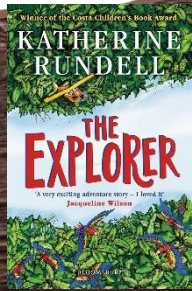
Autumn One in Year 4



English

In English this half term, we are reading 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell and writing our own adventure story based in the Amazon rainforest. Towards the end of this half term, we will be writing a newspaper report linked to our Science learning. We will be doing regular spelling practice looking at new spelling rules and consolidating ones learned in Year 3. Children will also continue to learn how to join letters in their handwriting.

We are reading...



All children have a reading book and diary which we ask them to bring into school every day. We expect them to be reading at home **AT LEAST 3 TIMES A WEEK** which is recorded in their diary and signed by an adult. We will also be having a weekly trip to the Branches library where children will choose a book for them to enjoy in school.

Maths

Our Maths lessons at the start of this half term focus on place value before moving on to addition and subtraction. We will be building on the children's learning in Year 3 and starting to look at bigger numbers, up to 10,000. We will also have weekly lessons focussing on our times tables. We encourage regular practise on Times Table Rockstars to support this.

Science

Our topic in Science is 'living things and their habitats- conservation'. Children will learn how to recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. Lessons will include a focus on deforestation, air pollution and water pollution.

Art

This half term our art topic is called 'Power Prints'. The children will be focusing on their drawing and sketching skills. They have started by using sketching and shading to create tone and a 3D effect. They will also incorporate these skills into producing a 'print' as their final piece of art work.



Geography

Our first topic this year is the 'Amazing Amazon' which poses the question 'Why are rainforests important to us?'. We will begin by looking at tropical rainforests around the world, describing characteristics of a rainforest and the people who live there, focusing particularly on the Amazon rainforest. We will round off this topic with a focus on our local woodlands and collect data about how they are used.

French

'Les légumes' is the focus of our first French topic this half term, looking at different vegetables. Children will learn how to name 10 different vegetables in French and begin to use this vocabulary to build sentences about vegetables, for example, asking for a quantity of a specific vegetable.

Music

Our first Music focus this year is on tuned and body percussion. We will be linking this to our 'Amazing Amazon' topic with a focus on rainforests. This will include looking at the structure of music and using our body to create rhythms and simple tunes.

P5HCE

This half term our theme is 'Being Me in My World'. The children will explore what is needed to be a good team within the classroom. They will also understand their 'Rights and Responsibilities' as a Year 4 citizen.

Computing

We are very excited to have a class set of iPads in Year 4 which we will be using for our first topic in Computing about the internet. Children will learn about what the internet is and how it works with plenty of opportunities for them to explore the World Wide Web for themselves. They will also evaluate the content of information posted on the internet and decide how honest and reliable it is.

PE

Our PE days will be on Monday and Friday. Please ensure your child is sent into school wearing their PE kits on these days. A reminder that earrings should be removed on these days, if not, children will be asked to cover them up.

This half term, we will focus on Handball followed by Football.