

Rainforests and South America—Beech Summer Term

Maths

This term in maths we will be covering the following units:

- Fractions—adding & subtracting fractions and calculating fractions of amounts
- Money—converting between £ and p and adding & subtracting money
- Time—telling the time to 5 and 1 minute intervals on analogue & digital clocks, including 24-hour times, Roman numerals and calculating elapsed time
- Shape—revising properties of 2D & 3D shapes in order to draw them, as well as identifying lines, angles and turns in shapes.
- Statistics— reading different types of graph/chart and collating data to represent in different ways.

PE

We will be continuing our swimming lessons throughout the term, as well as focusing on cricket and athletics in school. Our PE lesson will be on Fridays for the 1st half term, before reverting back to Thursdays for the 2nd half term.

French

We will start to learn the parts of body, character descriptions and days of the week.

Topic

We will be learning all about Rainforests., from the layers of the forest and its animal inhabitants, to the unique climate found in the tropics. Will will compare a British forest with the Amazon rainforest, and begin to explore some of the conservation issues surrounding the destruction of rainforest habitats.

In Art, we will be creating collages to look like a rainforest animal.

In Music, We will look at how the inter-related dimensions of music can be combined to communicate an intended effect using the ancient Mayan civilisation as a stimulus for listening, performing and composing.

Science

This term we will start by learning about Light. We'll investigate different light sources, how we see things, reflection & what makes white light. After this we'll be looking at plants by identifying the different parts of a plant & flower, and exploring the conditions needed for healthy growth.

Computing

We will be learning how to create a desktop publication. We will add content including pictures, edit and consider the layout of our publication.

English

We will begin the term by exploring and writing instruction texts. We will look at the features and structures of this form of writing. We will then look at poetry and write our own calligrams, shape and rhyming poems. After half term we will be learning how to write in a persuasive style and we will have the opportunity to plan and write our own persuasive text.

In addition to Active Reading, we will have some stand alone reading comprehension lessons to focus on our inference skills.

Our grammar focuses will be: conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time, place and cause and imperative verbs.

R.E& PSHE

Our values for this term are Wisdom and Responsibility.

This half term we will learn about Islam; considering what Muslims believe about God, & comparing this to Christian views of God. We will identify that Muslims believe the Qur'an is a supreme source of authority. We will then think about the impact this has on the way Muslims live. We will move onto a philosophical unit, considering how people make moral decisions. We will think about the difference between knowing and believing. We will talk about how to define 'right', 'wrong', 'good' and 'bad'.

In PSHE, we will be thinking about, respect boundaries and how these need to be considered even in friendships.