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YEAR 5 – AUTUMN TERM 2 – ‘The Rainforest’

This term in Year 5, we will be looking at the topic ‘The Rainforest. This topic is a place study on The Amazon Rainforest. Through this study, children will learn about different biomes around the world, life in Rainforest (both animals and humans) and what threats the Amazon Rainforest currently faces.

English

In English this term, Year 5 will be looking at a picture book called Window, by Jeannie Baker. Throughout the picture book, it follows the life a young boy looking out of his window – he lives next to a rainforest. As the picture book goes on, the topic of deforestation and logging is prevalent, which the children will be writing about. We will then be moving onto writing a biography, looking at Year 5 grammar features and how the children can use these in their independent writing. In Reading this term, will be focusing on our inference skills with a variety of picture books: The Proudest Blue, My Hair and Yo So Mulsim. As well as looking at inference, the children will develop their comprehension skills with a variety of short texts.

Maths

This term, our focus will be based around Multiplication, division and fractions. Children will be building on their knowledge from the previous year. The children will use a range of methods and resources to develop their fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about space. Here, we will look at the order and movement of our Moon and the other planets in our solar system. Also, we will look at how the Sun, Moon and Earth orbit and the impact this has for us on our planet.

Computing

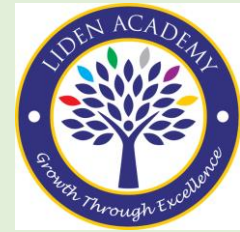
This term, we will be learning about coding. We will be creating a playable game, simulating a physical system and using different functions to develop our coding knowledge.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

We follow the Jigsaw scheme of work. This term, the topic is ‘Celebrating Differences.’ As part of this, we will be looking why everyone is unique in their own way and how we should respect that, both in class, and in the wider world.



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Design and Technology

In DT this term, we will be looking at making Doodlers. The children will be using their scientific knowledge of circuits from Year 4 to create their own doodlers to use.

Music

In Music, we will be focusing on our School Christmas Play – more information of this will be available in a few weeks time!

Religious Education (R.E.)

In R.E., we will be looking at the key question 'Is the Christmas Story true?' In the process, we will be encouraging the children to have class discussions and begin to share their point of view. They will find out about different types of truth, investigate different accounts using gospels and learn more from a religious perspective.

Physical Education (P.E.)

In P.E this term, we will be doing gymnastics. We will be developing a range of movement methods, learning how to hold and form different shapes, finding out the key points of a roll and building a final performance.

Important information

PE Days (PE days will change **termly**)

Panda Class – Tuesday morning

Chameleon Class – Wednesday morning.

Children should attend school in their P.E. kit on these days.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Friday (Spellings and Maths) and is due the following Friday.

We will be testing children on their spellings each Friday.

Children will need to hand their Reading Records in on a Friday and they will be checked to hand back out the following Monday.

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