

## Mathematics

In maths this term, we will be focussing upon multiplication and division. The children will begin by looking at arrays and the different ways in which equal and not equal groups can be formed. There will also be a tight focus on timestables during this unit of work. The children will cover a variety of tables in order to seek how they can be grouped equally. The children will consider and reason with how division can be linked. We will then move on to look at the multiplication and division of larger numbers whereby the children will learn more methodical approaches in which to solve the sums presented to them.

## RE & PSHE

In RE with Mrs Haines, we will begin by exploring 'how do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim?' We will talk about stories and teachings that show how celebrations are recognised within different communities.

In PSHE we will be exploring 'Dreams and Goals.' This topic will look at aspirations, whilst also understanding how to achieve goals and the emotions that go with it.

## Physical Education and Forest School

In PE with Mr Hancock, we will be incorporating our rainforests topic with dance. Using body shapes and movements in order to create both individual and group combinations and routines.

In PE with Mrs Haines, Class 3 will be developing their knowledge of gymnastics by using a combination of floor work and equipment to assist movement and understand techniques.

## English

This half term in English, we will be looking at the story the 'Great Kapok Tree.' Using the Talk 4 Writing approach, we will learn the story through drama and actions, whilst also discussing settings and character viewpoints within the text. This will build towards a final piece of work where the children will create their own interpretation of the story. After half term, we will focus on the story, 'Pig Sheep' which will be delivered through a Talk 4 Reading-based approach. The children will be using rich discussion, drama, hot seating and a dialogic focus in order to gain an understanding of the language choices used within the text.

Year 3 will finish the term with some report writing to understand how to write in chronological order.

## Year 3 Spring Term 2024 Topic - Rainforests

## Music

Our music this term, will be influenced by the environment and world around us. We will be recognising ways in which we can use body percussion and sounds to influence our music. As well as taking the sounds and creating our own short musical pieces.

## Geography

In our geography lessons this term, we will learn about 'Rainforests'. This will include aspects such as life in the rainforest, the different layers that are formed and using maps to identify locations of rainforests across the globe.

We will also look at ways in which we can protect our rainforests, including linking it to both our Harmony project and English writing text The Great Kapok Tree.

## Art

In art this term, we will be applying our learning of rainforests through a range of artwork. These include sketching and printing with the focus of precision. We will also study various artists and both the feelings and viewpoints they are intending to create.

## Science

Our science topic this term is 'Plants'. We will learn how to identify the main parts and functions of plants, how plants grow and to understand the importance of transportation and the life cycle. We will link this to all of the knowledge we have acquired on our 'rainforests' topic. The children will also seek to expand their knowledge through investigational research around rainforest habitats.

## Computing

In our computing lessons, we will begin by focussing on programming through the app 'Scratch.' This will be done by exploring the application and using loops in order to make an animation. The children will build on this and progress towards programming a story and game within Scratch.

## Languages

In French this term, our learning will include; classroom instructions, the French alphabet, numbers and colours. This is to give the children a range of tools in order to put together a short dialogue with their classmates.

## How you can help

Please continue to read with your child as often as possible, help them learn their weekly spellings and support them with their times tables. Our

PE days this term will continue as a Monday and Friday. Golden Assembly continues to be on a Monday, so please bring in any achievements to share with us. We have plenty more exciting topics to explore this term. This will also include our Class 3 assembly on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, which we can't wait to share with you all!

Many thanks for your continued support, Mr Hancock.