

## English

In our English lessons, we will continue with our regular basic skills sessions, focusing on grammar, spelling, and punctuation. We will be using *The Great Kapok Tree* as our core text, with a particular emphasis on how stories begin and end. The children will explore different types of openings and endings, discussing how they engage the reader and bring the story to a satisfying conclusion. They will then apply these ideas in their own writing, learning how to craft interesting openings and thoughtful, well-structured endings.

## Geography

During our geography lessons we will be exploring rainforests around the world. We will locate the different rainforests on a map. Whilst doing this we will further develop our map skills. We will explore and identify different global climatic zones describing the climate in the tropics, learn what it is like to live in the rainforest and investigate the layers of the rainforest.

## Art and Design

During our Art & Design sessions we will be exploring the visual elements of Art and experimenting with different mediums. We will be looking at the work of Henri Rousseau who despite never visiting a rainforest created paintings based on his visits to the botanical gardens and zoo in Paris!

## Music

In music the children will be focusing on listening to and discussing the sounds of the rainforest focusing on weather, animals and their habitats. We will create our own compositions using body parts and instruments.

## Mathematics

In Maths, your child will build confidence in key skills including fractions, money, and time. They will learn to recognise and find fractions of shapes and amounts, work with pounds and pence to solve real-life problems, and tell the time to the nearest minute while exploring duration and intervals.

## Science

In Year 3 Science, we will explore plants, learning the functions of roots, stems, leaves, and flowers. Children will investigate what plants need to grow and observe how conditions affect growth. They will also learn about plant life cycles, including pollination and seed dispersal, while developing key scientific skills such as observation and recording.

## Computing

In computing your child will learn to use email safely, including sending messages, editing their work, and adding attachments. They will also develop online safety skills, such as using kind language, recognising unsafe behaviour, and knowing how to report concerns.

## Class 3 Summer 2026

### 'Rainforests of the World'

This term, our topic will take us on an exciting adventure into the world's rainforests! We can't wait to explore the different layers of the rainforest and discover the amazing plants, creatures, and animals that live there.

## Physical Education

In PE Year 3 children will develop cricket throwing and catching skills through fun games, improving accuracy, coordination, teamwork, and confidence across progressive lessons, building fundamental movement skills.

## Religious Education

In Year 3 RE, children will explore "What kind of world did Jesus want?", learning about his teachings on kindness, forgiveness, and helping others, and how to apply these values in their own lives.

## PSHE

We will learn about money, budgeting, and the impact of spending, as well as explore different jobs, how skills influence careers, and challenge job stereotypes.

## How you can help

Please continue to read with your child as often as possible, help them to learn their weekly spellings and support them with their frog maths (times tables). We have set a range of homework tasks for the children to choose from which are related to their topic. Thank you for your support, Mrs Hooper.