

**Year 3/4 Curriculum
Newsletter
Autumn Term 1**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please have a look over our class curriculum for the coming half term...

English:

Throughout this term we will be improving our spelling, punctuation and grammar skills. We will practise these throughout the curriculum and feature them in our discussion text on the use of palm oil and our non-chronological report on plants in science. We will then be writing our own adventure story based in the Amazon rainforest using everything we have learned.

Maths:

This term we will be focusing on place value. We will be looking at the value of each digit in 3 and 4 digit numbers, comparing and ordering these numbers and looking at Roman numerals up to 1,000. We will then focus on counting in 25's, 50's, 100's and 1,000's and finding 1, 10, 100 and 1,000 more or less than a given number. We will then move on to looking at negative numbers, rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000 and working on our reasoning and problem solving skills.

Science:

In science our main focus is plants, specifically ones found within the Amazon Rainforest. We will be looking at the main functions of the different parts of a plant, explore the requirements of a plant for life and growth and investigate the ways in which water is transported within plants.

Theme:

Our Theme for this term is Brazil: we will be looking at the Amazon Rainforest and the animals and plants that live there. We will be creating art work using a variety of materials to produce our own Brazilian plants and animals. We will then be looking at the features of villages, towns and cities within Brazil as well as improving our map skills.

PE & Games:

On Wednesdays we will have a tennis coach in school. He will be teaching us the basic rules and skills needed to play a game of tennis.

RE:

Our main question is – What do Christians learn from the Creation story?
We will be looking at the wonderful world around us and making clear links between Genesis 1 and what Christians believe about God and Creation.

Music:

We will be looking at different Brazilian songs and the instruments they use. We will also be learning how to play the recorder.

Computing:

We will be looking at different algorithms. We will be using logical reasoning to explain how they work and detect and correct errors in simple algorithms.

French:

We will be exploring this language together learning new words and phrases to create sentences to express ideas.

If you have any questions at all, please drop in and ask!

**Kind regards,
Miss Lowe**

Our PE day is Wednesday. However, please ensure a named PE kit is in school at all times. Please make sure all uniform is named. Homework will be given out on Fridays to be completed and handed in by Wednesdays. Please hear your child read as regularly as possible and ensure that you record this in their reading record. Please remember to help your child learn their spellings and times tables each week. We will be awarding extra house points for children who read at home on a regular basis.