

YEAR GROUP: Year 4

DATE: 8th January 2018

TIME ALLOCATION: 1 Term

TEACHERS: Mr Dakin

English:

We are starting our term looking at 'Warning Tales'. These are stories where the characters are told not to do something but their curiosity means they do it anyway, with frightful consequences. We will be using the text 'The Shamans Apprentice' to teach our grammar, punctuation and national curriculum targets during the first half term. This also links nicely to our Rainforest topic. After half term we will be looking at 'Monster Stories' and the themes, descriptions and outcomes that are common in these texts. We will link our homework to what we have been learning in the week.

Maths:

In maths we are learning about measurement and decimals. We will continue to consolidate our mental arithmetic skills and our use of written methods. This term our target is to learn more multiplication tables and related division facts; working hard to increase our speed of recall. There will be a continuous focus on reasoning and problem solving.

Science:

During the first half term we will be looking at the science behind electricity. We will be hands on with our experimentation, especially when using circuits and key language. In the second half term we will be looking at plants. This will mean lots of outdoor learning, growing, planting and harvesting our own produce.

MFL: We will continue our French language development. Our aim is to be able to ask for basic items and develop practical skills that will help us if we visit France.

CHRISTIAN VALUES

Every week we will be looking at a variety of Christian Values. These will be underpinned by our core school value of Respect. In collective worship we will be looking at Bishops Lydeard children being children who show: fellowship, friendship, thankfulness, forgiveness, humility, sacrifice, endurance, justice and courage.

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

We will be growing and planting seeds and creating recycled scarecrows to protect our produce. We will be visiting Bristol Zoo to look at animal endangered species and Carymore to look at sustainability.

WELL BEING

Our Jigsaw topic will start with 'Dreams and Goals'. What do our children want to achieve, what are their dreams and how can we support each other to achieve them?

Growth Mind-set

Growth mind-set has been successfully implemented this year. Our new focus will be on what 'moves' and what 'blocks' our learning. We will take part in class discussions and look together at the key question of 'How important is my own attitude and belief to my learning?'

The Rainforest



The Christian Value for this term is:
Respect

WHY?

We live in a tumultuous time environmentally. Every week there are reports on the negative effect humans have on the world around them. The children have been inspired by watching programs such as Blue Planet 2 and as a LKS2 team we are excited to develop a group of children that will care and improve our environment.

Computing:

This term we will be creating our own animations through the use of the Scratch program. Our aim will be to develop an animation that reflects our topic of Rainforests. Our animations will include characters, backgrounds and movements, highlighting an awareness of protecting our environment.

Religious Education:

Our focus in RE this term is around the importance of 'The Gospel' to Christians. Key question will include: what makes up the Gospels, who are they written by and for, and what is God's plan for God's people. We will explore these areas through art and music, in thought provoking lessons.

History and Geography:

We will be using key terminology of latitude, longitude and the equator to develop our geographical skills related to rainforests. We will be looking at the effects of the climate and biomes on the creation of tropical rainforests. We will look at the historical factors related to the distribution of natural resources over the centuries. A main focus will be on the human geographical influences of rainforests including types of settlement and land use.

Art and Design & DT: We will be looking at the work of David Shepherd and how his art work inspired people to respect and enjoy the natural world. He focuses on pencil and water colour drawings of African animals and we will aim to recreate and develop our skills with rainforest animals. In the second half term we will be looking at using animals and plants to create repeating patterns.

Music:

We will be looking at using recycled materials to make instruments. Using the musical 'Stomp', we will copy and create similar musical compositions. During our topic time we will also be looking at rainforest sounds and traditional tribal music.

Physical Education:

Our termly PE focus will be tag rugby for the first half term and then handball after half term. Both sports will be looking at hand eye co-ordination and the core skills of being able to throw and catch effectively.