

Trinity Term YEAR 3 CURRICULUM

ENGLISH

In English, pupils will study the book 'The Great Kapok Tree' to develop creative responses to a text through drama and role-play. They will use sound, images and video to expand the use of ambitious vocabulary before writing a poem about the rainforest. Pupils will also explore global issues, such as deforestation, through this narrative text, as well as studying how an author uses language to create empathy for an issue. They will engage in themes, debates and dilemmas in relation to this text, enabling them to make connections with their own lives. These experiences will help inform the pupils when writing their own reports and persuasive letters. Pupils will also participate in weekly reading activities. Pupils will complete a spelling test every Wednesday (3EP) or Friday (3KP).

MATHEMATICS

In Mathematics, pupils will develop their mathematical skills by focusing on: Fractions - Recognising and showing fractions; understanding equivalent fractions with small denominators; comparing and ordering fractions; fractions with the same denominators, and adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. Time - Telling and writing the time from an analogue clock, including using Roman numerals from I to XII; 12-hour and 24-hour clocks; estimating with increasing accuracy, recording and comparing time in terms of seconds, minutes and hours. Geometry - Recognising angles of shapes; identifying right angles, recognising that two right angles make a half-turn, three make three quarters of a turn and four a complete turn; identifying whether angles are greater than or less than a right angle; identifying horizontal and vertical lines and pairs of perpendicular and parallel lines, and recognising 3-D shapes. Measurement - measure, compare, add and subtract mass (kg/g) and volume/capacity (l/ml). Through the 'Mastery' approach pupils will solve problems throughout the areas of study listed above.

SCIENCE

Plants: Pupils will learn the names of different parts of plants and the jobs that they do; they will plant some plants to aid this. They will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate what plants need to grow well; they will present their findings to their classmates. Furthermore, they will have the chance to predict what will happen in an exciting investigation of the transportation of water within plants.

GEOGRAPHY

Rainforests: In this unit, pupils will take a closer look at the mysteries of tropical rainforests. From the layers of the forest and its animal inhabitants, to the unique climate found in the tropics. They will compare a British forest with the Amazon rainforest, and begin to explore some of the conservation issues surrounding the destruction of rainforest habitats. Pupils will then pick an animal which lives in a rainforest and create their own information piece about it.

COMPUTING

E-safety: Pupils will gain a greater understanding about cyberbullying as well as social networking. Purple Mash: Pupils will use Purple Mash to create a document about deforestation, they will type up their balanced arguments for this topic. Pupils will then move on to making a postcard about stopping deforestation before creating a leaflet to persuade people to think carefully about the impact of deforestation.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Christianity and Islam: Pupils will examine religious codes of conduct and rules for living, considering the effect of these on life. They will explore the Five Pillars of Islam and the Ten Commandments of Christianity. They will look at religious practices and lifestyles, considering special places to them.

ART & DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Rainforests: In this unit, pupils will draw a rainforest scene based on a sound clip that they have heard. They will experiment with different media such as oil pastel, watercolours and chalk. They will draw rainforest animals and their habitats. Healthy Breakfast: Over the Trinity term the pupils will be looking at how to ensure that a healthy breakfast is eaten each day. Pupils will test a variety of breakfasts, look at the nutritional value of each and understand the importance of eating breakfast each day. From this information, pupils will create a recipe for a healthy breakfast, calculating the cost. They will design packaging for the breakfast and create a nutrition label. They will also explore how Jamie Oliver has influenced healthier school lunches.

MUSIC

Pupils will learn basic skills and techniques on the recorder and perform a piece of music as a class. They will develop their glockenspiel skills by performing a short piece in small groups. They will continue improving their keyboard skills by working through the keyboard trainer book. They will also learn a new song to perform at the end of year 'Prize Giving' event.

PSHEE

Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds: Pupils will explore the management of some uncomfortable feelings. They will learn how to plan healthy meals, as well as considering the effects and benefits of exercise. Ready, Steady, Go: Pupils will explore various aspects of personal safety. They will identify people they can trust to help them and learn how and where to get help.

FRENCH

In this unit pupils will look at the pronunciation of letters in the French alphabet and verbally practise through whole class and partner exercises. Pupils will learn how to speak and write short sentences about themselves and their daily life. They will also learn to discuss both orally and in written form, the various subjects they study in school and different items of stationary. They will also look at instructions and key phrases that are required in a PE lesson.

PE & SWIMMING

PE: This term the pupils will be working on accurate throwing and catching. They will start to build on the basic skills of cricket and rounders. Pupils will start to learn the game of short tennis. They will also look at different events in athletics leading up to Sports Day. Swimming: Pupils will continue to build on their water confidence.

