Spring 1 Curriculum Overview

The spring term is here and we have an action-packed and exciting half term ahead. We will be finding out all about the incredible Amazon Rainforest, the challenges it faces and its fascinating people and animals. Our residential trip to Tower Wood is also just around the corner, so please keep a look out for further information.

Our Bible verse for this half term is, '**1 Chronicles 16:33** Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the LORD; For He is coming to judge the earth.'

English

Our class text is *Journey to the River Sea* by Eva Ibbotson. During our English lessons we will:

- Explore a longer, character driven narrative.
- Explore complex characterisation.
- Explore articulate opinions on a fictional narrative.
- Explore and debate key themes within a narrative.
- Explore how authors develop characters and settings using inference and emotional response, looking at the importance of sentence structure and the effect of using more powerful vocabulary.

Guided Reading

Our novel is *World Burn Down* by Steve Cole. We will:

- Explore how authors create a sense of danger or tension.
- Infer reasons for character motives and actions.
- Compare characters across novels.

RE

In our RE lessons, we will discuss and emphasise Jesus's life as a great teacher and consider carefully the messages of the parables. We will think about how they impact on the lives of practising Christians.

Maths

Children will multiply with 2 and 3 digit numbers and divide with remainders. They will also multiply unit and non-unit fractions by integers. Later this half term we will learn about decimals and percentages.

Please continue to regularly practise times tables at home. By year 5, all children should be fluent with their times tables up to 12 x 12.

Geography

Our learning this month is all tied closely to our geography unit about the Amazon Rainforest. We will study the Amazon Basin and how the river and its tributaries drain across the continent. We will also study how the future of the rainforest and other eco-systems are connected to human lives and lifestyles.

PE

We will be practising netball and dance.

Science

This half term, we will study Carl Linnaeus who developed the system for naming and classifying organisms. We will research characteristics of vertebrates and invertebrates and decide how to classify unfamiliar rainforest animals. We will create classification keys and learn about microorganisms.

Computing

We will learn how to programme using a crumble which is a type of microcontroller.

DT

To begin with, children will study popular Brazilian food and ingredients. They will adapt two dishes to suit their own needs and then cook using a range of methods, including shallow frying and baking.

Music

We will study rock and roll