
Summer 1 Newsletter 2024

Welcome to the summer term!

We hope you all had a restful Easter break and are looking forward to all of the fun things we have planned for the summer term.

Reading – Well done for all the wonderful reading you are doing at home. The children have loved getting their raffle tickets with the chance of winning a book from the book machine. Please remember to sign the reading record 4 times and bring it in on a Friday to receive a ticket.

Homework – Thank you to all of the families who regularly complete the weekly homework and log on to Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars. We love seeing the progress that the children are making in their spellings and times tables knowledge.

We would just like to take the opportunity to remind you all that the children have their times table test in June. Further information about the multiplication check is available on the school website. Daily times table practice is crucial to embed the number facts your children need to know to pass the test. Please encourage your child to practise regularly – thank you.

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OUR TOPICS

The Living Rainforest

Living things and habitats



PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays

Children should come to school in their PE kit on both days.

Reminders

- Please ensure that your child brings in a named water bottle.
- During the Summer term, it can get very hot; please send your child in with a sun hat that they can wear while they are outside. When it is warm, it is important to apply sun cream to your child before they arrive to school.
- Please make sure your child has got everything they need in their pencil case – a black handwriting pen (not a biro), a pencil, a rubber, a pencil sharpener and a glue stick.

Geography

While deepening the children's understanding of rainforests, the children will answer the following question: what is the most significant threat to the Rainforests?



This Half Term our Discovery learning topics are:



The living rainforest

and



Living things and habitats

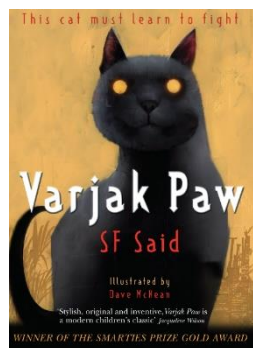
Science

Our new topic in Science concentrates on Living things and their habitats. We will focus on:

- Classifying animals
- Vertebrates and Invertebrates
- Local Habitats
- Environmental changes

English

Our book for this term is Varjak Paw. We will be writing discussion texts and character descriptions with dialogue.



PSHE

This half term in PSHE, we will focus on the following:

- Being my best
- What makes me ME
- Identifying what keeps us healthy
- Basic first aid for broken bones and burns

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This half term, we will focus on Humanism with a focus on the question: how do non-religious people celebrate new life? The children will explore and understand how welcoming a new life is important for many people, but focusing specifically on Humanism as an example of non-religious worldviews. Pupils will also draw on their own experiences of milestones and events in their own lives.

Maths

In Maths, the children will continue to develop their understanding of decimals. The children will learn to order decimals and round decimals to the nearest whole number. The children will progress to developing their knowledge and understanding of money and time.



PE

The children will have two outdoor PE sessions a week this half term. They will focus on developing their skills in both tennis and athletics

Computing

We will look at information technology where we will develop our word processing skills



Art

The children will learn to collagraph print. They will experiment with printing using different objects, use natural and manmade printing tools to create repeated patterns and explore positive and negative space in printing.



Music

The children will continue to learn their brass instruments. Please ensure your child brings in their instrument **every Thursday**

Spanish

The children will continue to learn the Spanish language with a focus on masculine and feminine plurals!