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Spring Term News

TRENCROM, LANYON and KERRIS CLASSES

South America



Trencrom Class

Miss Rudge
Mrs Richards
Mrs Phillips
Ms Angove

Lanyon Class

Miss Mason
Mrs Smith

Kerris Class

Mrs Clemens
Mrs Stellan
Ms Jenkin
Mr Coleman
Mrs Small

In the Spring Term the children will be learning all about South America. Our project will have a very strong emphasis on Geography-not only looking at the equator, hemispheres and weather; but also at the Amazon Rainforest.



Uniform

- We are very pleased to see all your children looking so smart in their full winter uniforms. As a school we place particular emphasis on the children wearing the correct uniform at all times.
- Children will need their P.E. kits on a Wednesday which is red shorts, white polo shirt and black plimsolls or trainers. Children can continue to wear their kit to school on a Wednesday as well.
- Outdoor Learning also forms an essential part of our learning, we would ask that your child keeps a pair of wellies or old shoes in school.

English

We will begin this term's English with looking at a range of rainforest inspired poetry. The children will be creating their own shape poems and exploring a variety of techniques to write their own descriptive sense poem. We will then deepen their understanding of story writing through introducing them to different South American themed stories.

We will, of course, retain a strong focus upon reading, which will be supported by our reading karate scheme, and the introduction of the Accelerated Reader scheme (more information to follow). Please continue to read regularly at home as well as learning spellings which are given out at the beginning of each half term. Your child will also be able to practise their spellings online at home using 'Spelling Shed'.

Maths

In maths we will be revisiting topics to ensure that there are no gaps in their knowledge before moving on to mastering key concepts such as fractions, decimals and percentages, multiplication and division and understanding properties of shape.

By the end of Year 4, the children should know all of their tables up to 12 x 12. The planned tests have been cancelled however, we have to submit teacher assessment so we will be monitoring their progress of X-tables. Remember to use Reflex at home as well as regularly practising more trickier tables at home such as 7's, 8's and 9's.

Science

To begin the term, our science focus will be looking at Plants and how they grow, followed by looking at Living things and their habitats



Music

Children will be exploring their likes and dislikes within different music genres and learning how to play a variety of musical instruments.

Humanities - Geography based

We are going to continue with our Rainforest theme from a slightly more 'chocolatey' angle. We will learn more about the Maya, before focusing on chocolate in more detail looking at fair trade and food preparation and packaging to link with our DT learning. After half term we will then focus on fieldwork skills, orienteering and grid referencing - getting outdoors as much as possible.

RE

Our RE learning this term we will be learning about what Christians believe about the story of Creation. Followed by exploring how Christians support the natural world which links nicely to our Geography topic.

DT & Art

In Art this term we will be focusing on the Formal elements of Art and applying our skills to create a printing piece that links to our project of South America. In DT children will be looking at Food and eating seasonally, using the skills and knowledge gained they will then plan and make a seasonal dish.



Computing

As well as continuing to focus on online safety, this term we will be focusing on mastering the art of advanced internet searching and exploring the rainforest through virtual reality apps.

PE

Our aim for this term is to be as active as possible. As well as continuing to build on our dance skills in all three classes we will also try to be outdoors and getting moving as often as we can throughout the term.

From time to time we will be watching extracts from films to enhance the children's learning. Some of these may have a PG or possibly a 12a rating. We will also be watching some of the David Attenborough documentaries about the natural world and Rainforests. If you have any concerns about this, please do not hesitate to come in and see us.