

Year 4 - Curriculum

Letter

Autumn 1

The following are some of the things we will be learning about this half term....



English...

This half term, we will begin by exploring poetic forms and the techniques used by authors to portray meaning and tone (feelings). We shall study a range of poems by Grace Nichols & James Cater to stimulate creative ideas to use as a template to write our own poems. We will be using the Power of Reading Scheme to write creative stories set in other cultures, specifically Indonesia. This will help us to utilise our learning about the rainforest. Our chosen text for this topic is Philip Pullman's, 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'.

For our non-fiction work, we shall be writing persuasive texts and book reviews based on our chosen text. In grammar, we shall be focusing on using a variety of commas, question and exclamation marks, descriptive & figurative language, and apostrophes for contractions and to show possession.



Maths...

Following the Inspire Maths scheme of work, children will be using the Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract approach to support their learning.

We will be looking at place value and reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers to 100,000.

Furthermore, we will be looking at written methods of addition, subtraction and multiplication.

We will also be reviewing our multiplication and division facts for all of the time tables up to 12. This will require regular practice at home and at school. We will use games, tests and computer based resources to support our children master this vital skill.



IPC Unit- Rainforests.

In Science, we will be:

- finding out about the importance of rainforests to our environment

In Geography, we will be:

- Finding out where rainforests are located across the globe

In Art, we will be:

- Looking at the work of a famous artist

In Computing, we'll be:

- Using technology to locate and download information for research projects

School visit-we will be visiting London Zoo where we will be learning about the different layers of the rainforest and the animals that live there.

Ideas for Activities & Visits Outside School

Visit the Rainforest Cafe in central London (20 Shaftsbury Avenue, London, W1D 7EU)

www.therainforestcafe.co.uk

Also try the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew where you can find out about rainforest plants and remedies.

www.kew.org

Saira Khan reads extracts from 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' - www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/znh2tfr

Fun English Games for Kids - www.funenglishgames.com/grammargames/punctuation.html