

Information for Parents - Outline Plan for Learning and Teaching

Topic / Project Title: The Rainforest

Context relevant to the children: The children will learn about the plants and animals that live in the Rainforest, especially those who differ from the ones in our own climate zone. We will be visiting the Botanic Gardens to consolidate our learning.

Languages

Reading: We will be reading our ORT books in reading groups, and carrying out reading activities linked to these. We will investigate non-fiction texts about the Rainforest.

Writing: We will continue our Talk 4 Writing approach, continuing to look at 'Jack and the Beanstalk' as our model text.

Listening and Talking: We will take part in class discussions around the Rainforest and topical news items. We will focus on listening to the contributions of others.

Spelling and Grammar: We will continue to learn new sounds each week.

French: We will learn how to answer questions in the classroom and introduce ourselves.

Expressive Arts

Children will experience art and drama activities linked to the Rainforest. They will be given materials to create masks and puppets as they work independently in the shared atrium.

We will be looking rhythm and pulse in music lessons and beginning to learn songs for our Nativity!



Social Studies

We will continue our learning about the Rainforest this term. We will look at why animals have adapted for their habitat. We will also look at the different types of plants and trees which grow there. We will consolidate our learning with a trip to the Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh.



Health & Wellbeing

Health: We will be learning where different foods come from, especially those from the Rainforest. We will investigate how far these foods have travelled to reach us.

PE: Primary 2 will be looking at Central Net games, such as tennis, this term with Mr Watson and Mrs Thompson.

Rights Respecting Schools: We will think about the 30th Anniversary of the UNCRC this term and celebrate the rights we are entitled to.

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Mathematics

Numeracy: We will be practising forwards and backwards number sequences, and identifying, sequencing and ordering numbers. We will be focusing on subtraction strategies.

Mathematics: We will move on to measuring using standard units of length. We will also be looking at calendars and using days, months and seasons, ensuring we know these off by heart.



Technologies

We will work collaboratively with Primary 3 to create models of the Rainforest using a range of materials. We will also discuss our use of materials in the classroom, and how we can conserve these and utilise them in a more eco-friendly manner. We will discuss the issue of deforestation.



RME

The children will be learning about the Christian story of Christmas this term, in preparation for our Nativity in December. Rev London will visit us to discuss what Christians believe.

