

We hope this topic letter will give you some insight into the work your child will cover during this term. Our inspiration for this term is derived from 'The Rainforest'! We will be covering this topic in detail over the two half terms from April to July.

## **Literacy**

During their daily literacy lessons, the children will be using film clips as a springboard for creative and descriptive writing about central characters and dramatic moments. There will also be opportunities for cross-curricular writing linked to what life is like in rainforests. Amidst it all, the children will be encouraged to vary the positioning of conjunctions in sentences and to continue using inverted commas to punctuate direct speech

## **Numeracy**

During their daily mathematics lessons, children will begin to:

- compare and order unit fractions and fractions with the same denominator.
- add and subtract fractions with the same denominator
- recognise and show, using diagrams, equivalent fractions with small denominators
- count up and down in tenths and convert them to decimals
- convert between 12-hour and 24-hour time
- Identifying and comparing angles
- Recognizing and describing the properties of shapes.
- Measuring mass, capacity and temperature

## **Computing (I.C.T)**

Throughout the term, the children will continue to develop a basic grasp of how computer hardware and software. In their weekly lessons, they will learn to gain some familiarity with spreadsheets, branching databases, simulations and graphing by means of age-appropriate resources from Purple Mash.

## **Music**

The children will be experimenting with different sounds linked to the rainforest. Following this, we will explore how we use our voices to sing along to various contemporary songs accompanied by percussive sounds from a range of instruments

## **R.E & PSHE**

This term, the children will be learning about Hinduism and Christianity. Children will consider a variety of Hindu values and traditions. They will also consider how the church began and why Christians share communion.

## **Art/D&T**

Our focus this term will be on developing a range of artistic skills, including drawing, painting and modelling techniques. Where possible, artwork will link to our 'rainforest' theme for the term.

## **Geography**

During geography, we will be using map-reading skills to locate and identify countries and Rainforests. In other lessons, we will consider the different layers rainforests, deforestation, habitats and the animals that are typically found there.

## **PE**

Summer is a great time for children to develop their athletic skills outdoors. They will have the opportunities to practise various Olympic sports and to participate in relay races. We look forward to organising a range of sports day activities towards the end of the term.

## **PSHE**

This term's PSHE will include lessons on positive relationships, anatomical differences between people (as part of the SRE curriculum) and the impact of smoking. Children will have the opportunity to discuss characteristics of friendship (loyalty, kindness, shared interests etc) and how to deal with friendship problems. After half term, we will help to prepare the children for the transition to Year 4.

## Science

In science, we will continue to look research and investigate the life of plants. We will consider what they require in order to live, how they transport water and why pollen matters! After that, we move onto the topic of light and shadow. During further investigations, the children will be introduced to key scientific words (e.g. transparent, translucent and opaque) and will learn to distinguish between reflective surfaces and light sources.

### Ways in which you can help us:

Our usual P.E. time will be on a Monday and Thursday afternoon.

- Please try to hear your child read every night, asking them questions about their book and encouraging them to change their reading book regularly.
- Please remind your child to bring their book and diary into school every day.
- Please ensure that learning logs and maths times table books are brought in on their due dates so that we can mark and return them promptly.
- Please ensure your child is in school and on time every day; we hope to have 100% attendance in Doves and Kestrels classes each term, this year and win top squirrel!
- Please encourage your child to continue learning their times tables (especially the 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's and 8's) and any spellings/dictations that are sent home - this will really benefit their skills in literacy, as well as speech and language.
- Please remember to inform the school office of any changes of address, home telephone, mobile telephone number or any other emergency contact information.
- We look forward to our ZooLab workshop (on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April) as well as our trip to Wisley (on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May).

Thank you for your continued support.

**Mr Hornby and Miss Wallace**

# Buckland Primary School

## Topic Letter for Parents



### School Times

Classes starts at 8.45am and finish at 3.00pm

**April - July 2022**  
**Year 3**