

PLACES OF INTEREST RELATED TO THIS TOPIC

Oxford University Museum of Natural History is a great place to visit in person or online.

<https://www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk/>

Or how about a walk through the Millennium Woods here in Cholsey!

SATs Revision Guides and Equipment:

Please note that all equipment is provided in school and pencil cases are not needed. For Year 6 only, we will be ordering the CPG SATs Revision Guides this term. These guides are optional, but because we order them in bulk they are often at a reduced cost. Details of these will be sent out separately.

HOW CAN MY PARENT HELP ME?

If you wish you can have a look on the Home Learning page of our website where there are optional links to websites that may help your child.

Reading: It is vitally important that you read with your child every day. Children are welcome to borrow books from the school library which you can read with them. You could also read the news on your phone, websites and whilst out and about. The more they read, the better they will be able to access the curriculum in school.

Maths: 'Times Table Rockstars' is a fun, free interactive game online which can be accessed via our school website. All the children have a school log- in which they can use at home. The children should understand how it works. Please encourage your child to play in their spare time, as times tables recall is an essential skill that will help them across the maths curriculum.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>



Do have a look at any information you can find on our topic The Rainforest – particularly as it is in the news so much at present.



Our Wonderful World

Upper Key Stage 2 Team



TOPIC OVERVIEW

Welcome back!

We hope that you had an enjoyable summer holiday and are ready for the start of a new academic year.

Our Topic this term is called 'Our Wonderful World'. The children will be learning about Rainforests during the Autumn term. Much of our work will be based on the novel 'The Jungle Book' by Rudyard Kipling.

Where possible we will make links with other subjects across the curriculum, for example in Geography, Science, Art and Literacy.

In addition we are looking forward to our trip to The Living Rainforest on Thursday 5th September.

THIS TERM, YOU WILL LEARN...

English	This term we will be Writing to Entertain. We will be focusing on writing setting and character descriptions. We will be looking closely at sentence construction and extending the children's use of vocabulary. Later in the term, the children will be writing an additional chapter.
Maths	<p>Maths We will be splitting the children into year groups for Maths. Miss Addison and Mr Burrows will be teaching Year 5 Maths. Mrs Avery/Miss Jamieson and Mrs Nash will be teaching Year 6 Maths.</p> <p>Year 5 Number, Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Statistics.</p> <p>Year 6 Place Value, Numbers to 10 million, Multiplication and Division by powers of 10, Ordering and Comparing Numbers, Rounding, Negative Numbers, Addition and Subtraction, Factors, Primes, Squares and Cube Numbers.</p> <p>On Wednesdays, the children will be taught in their classes and these lessons will be on 2D and 3D Shape.</p>
Science	Evolution & Inheritance Adaptation.
Art & Design	Sculptures using a range of materials to depict layers of the rainforest.
Geography	We will be learning about: The location of rainforests, Temperate and tropical rainforests, Rainforest layers, How plants adapt to suit their environment. Deforestation and how we can help to save our rainforests.
PE	Swimming – Classes 56JA and 56A (56N will swim in term 3). Swimming will start on Friday 27 th September. Please see separate email. Ballroom Dancing Netball We will also be running Active 30 session three times a week in the morning.
French	Greetings. Where we live. Rainforest vocabulary. The weather
Music	Rainforest Orchestra (link to Tribal Dance)
Computing	Creating weather forecasts using green screen. Creating databases.
RE	We will be looking at the theme of Giving. We will be looking at the similarities and differences between the teaching and expectations based on giving in different faiths.
PSHE	Link to the School Vales of CARE. We will be focusing on Curiosity.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THIS TERM

PE:

The expectation is that the children have their PE Kit in school all week. It should be in school on a Monday morning and go home to be washed on a Friday. Their PE kit for this term must consist of:

- A white or house colour t-shirt
- A school rugby top (optional)
- Black/ navy shorts or joggers (weather dependent)
- Trainers (many children now use trainers as outdoor shoes and these are fine for PE).

Please note that hoodies are not suitable for PE lessons due to Health and Safety reasons. Please make sure that all school uniform items (including PE kits) are clearly labelled.

Snacks:

We would encourage you to send your child in with a healthy snack (fruit or cheese) that can be eaten at playtime. It is important that your child brings a water bottle to school each day.

Topic Sculptures

As part of our Rainforest topic work, we are going to be creating Rainforest sculptures. In order for us to think about the Rainforest layers, we will need the children to bring in two shoe boxes each (if you have more please bring them in).

Also, we will be studying Rainforest Tribes. To fully immerse ourselves in our topic, we will become Tribes people and will be painting our faces. If you have any face paint that you are willing to donate we would be very grateful to receive them.

To culminate our learning, we will be performing a Tribal Dance accompanied by the Year 3/4 Rainforest Orchestra on Wednesday 23rd October, 1.30-2pm. Parents are welcome to attend this.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS

We are very excited about getting to know our new classes and learning all about the rainforest and the natural world.

We are happy to speak to you about any concerns you may have, but please do remember that the beginning of the day is more difficult as we are settling the children into class. Please book an appointment via the office for an after school slot.