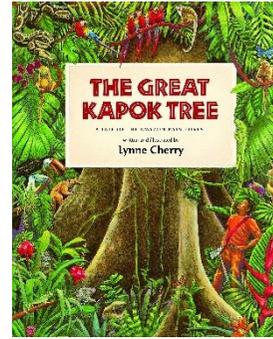
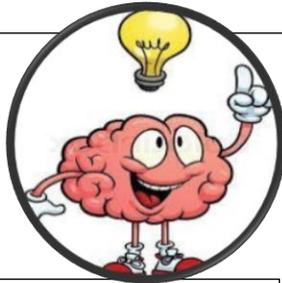


Literacy –

In literacy, children will be writing their very own information report about the rainforest. They will be able to research and plan their ideas but will also be using their knowledge from their geography learning to support their ideas. Following on from this, we will be looking at stories that raise issues and dilemmas, basing our work around The Great Kapok tree, which also links to our topic. To finish off the spring term, Year 4 will be writing explanation texts, focusing in particular on engaging the reader in our writing.



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Numeracy –

In maths, Year 4 will continue working on their times tables and will then begin to use formal methods to both multiply and divide up to 3-digits. We will then move on to looking at fractions including equivalent fractions as well as adding and subtracting them.

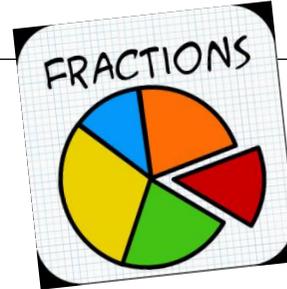
Mrs Blower will be focusing on area of shapes with a focus on counting squares. Children will be given the opportunity to create their own shapes and discuss their areas. He will then begin to look at money where children will begin to look at £ and p and ordering amounts.



Science –

Children are going to become experts with sound. We will be looking at how to describe and explain sounds using key words like 'pitch' and 'volume'. We will also set up a fair test experiment to help us test different materials to create and design our very own ear defenders.

In term 4, we are going to learn about living things and their habitats. We will be looking at local habitats and using observation skills to help us to classify and sort groups of animals. Children will be creating their own classification diagrams and also drawing large scale pictures of minibeasts, focusing on detail. This learning links to art and we will look at Levon Biss for inspiration.



Welcome back Year 4! The class settled in well during their first term and we are now looking forward to another exciting term. This term is very exciting because we are going to be learning all about **the rainforest**. Below you can see a brief overview of everything we will be learning in terms 3 and 4...

Spellings and times tables – Spellings will be given to the children at the start of the week and they will practice them every day at home. Parents can request a copy from the classroom if they wish. Please ensure children are regularly practicing their times tables too!

Homework – Homework will be handed out on a Friday and will need to be completed by the following Thursday. The work should be set so that your child can complete it independently but if they struggle, don't hesitate to guide and prompt them.

Music -

Get ready to get your groove on! Children will be drumming with Mr Garcia every Friday.

PE –

Please ensure that children have their PE kit in school every day. We will be working on our fitness and the importance of moving with control and balance. We will also be swimming every Wednesday!

If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss, feel free to contact me and we can arrange a discussion. I'm looking forward to getting to know you as well as all of the Year 4 children over the next year!

DT and art –

In art, Year 4 will be looking at Pablo Picasso for inspiration for portraits. We will focus on the idea of cubism and looking at this in great detail to help support our work. We will look at the different colours used within artwork and the mood and emotion this portrays. Children will design and create their own unique portrait based on these ideas.

Children will also be creating rainforest shelters with a focus on structures and how we strengthen and stiffen them. Children will be designing their shelter with a focus on how it will be strong, sturdy, and waterproof. They will be using a variety of materials and skills when making their model.



Religious Education –

We will be looking at the deeper meaning behind religious festivals, focusing in particular on Sikhism.

Children will also be thinking about the key question 'is forgiveness always possible for Christians?'



PSHE-

In keeping with our rainforest topic, children will be looking at Fairtrade and why this is important for some people's livelihood. Children will work in teams to think about how they could raise money for different charities.

In term 4, we will be looking at issues surrounding personal hygiene and puberty. Children will explore changes that will happen to their bodies and how to prepare for this.

Information technology –

Children will be using the iPad on a weekly basis to practice TTR.

The children will be programming using different software. They will be learning how to write different commands and correcting mistakes in programming.

History and geography -

Our topic is the rainforest! We will begin the topic by looking at what a rainforest is. We will focus in particular on different layers within the rainforest and then begin looking more in depth. Children will be able to read and interpret climate graphs and compare different climates across the world.

Later in the term, Year 4 will be looking at different elements of rainforest life such as shelters, people and art. Finally, we will be looking at deforestation and the devastating effect this can have on nature and habitats. We will discuss how to combat this going forward and what impact we can make.



French –

Bonjour! Year 4 will be looking at different ways to greet people in French and learn how to say goodbye. We will be practicing these different greetings with partners and in small groups. We will also explore different traditional stories and focus on the key question 'Ca va?' to explore how characters are feeling which links back to our reading skills.

Throughout French, children will learn in a fun and engaging way through different games.