

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Kestrels



Summer 2025

Our Theme: Riddles of the Rainforest

Our Christian Values:

Caring, Commitment to Achieve, Co-operation,
Fairness, Honesty, Respect



Welcome back! We are looking forward to a new term working together on lots of exciting activities. Our whole curriculum links to our vision, especially the elements of developing all members to be wise, happy and spiritually aware, to help them achieve their dreams and goals and to prepare them to be good citizens in today's diverse society. We are all preparing for a brighter tomorrow by working together on our term's subjects.

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Our theme is 'Riddles of the Rainforest'
On our WOW Day we will be doing a variety of activities, including creating a rainforest of leaves, snakes and butterflies in art, and exploring in Claudia's Garden to find the animals linked to rainforests around the world.
Our Exit Day will be a "Journey through the rainforest" experience, which will open towards the end of term in July. We hope you will be able to visit to see all the wonderful creations we will have made and researched.

<p style="text-align: center;">English</p> <p>In English, we will be developing our creative writing skills in narrative, using, as our inspiration, stories from a range of cultures, the film "Rio" and a selection of picture books. We will also be exploring the features of discussion texts, journalistic writing and persuasive texts, as well as promoting grammar, spelling and punctuation skills in every lesson.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mathematics</p> <p>In Mathematics, we are continuing to develop skills in calculating using the four operations. We will also work through activities in measures, including time, length and perimeter, as well as shape and statistics, combining these skills in real-life and word problems. Times tables will be practised on a daily basis, in preparation for the Government's Year 4 Multiplication Facts Check in the summer term.</p>

Geography

Our theme is “Riddles of the Rainforest” and we will be looking in depth at the location of rainforests around the world, as well as developing research skills to discover what plants and animals live in the Amazon rainforest. We will find out what products we use which come from the rainforest and discuss what impact this is having on the rainforest itself, especially deforestation.

Design and Technology

In DT, we will be designing and making a cushion based on a rainforest theme. We will be designing it, using our knowledge of rainforests, then developing a range of skills to make it, including making paper patterns to pin onto our chosen material, using applique to create the image and attaching the image onto the cushion using a variety of stitches.

Science

In Science, we are looking at the topic of Light. We will be exploring how light travels and how it is reflected. We will use our investigation skills to develop our knowledge of shadows – how they are formed and how and why they change during the day.

RE

In R.E, we are focusing on God (Islam) and Big Questions (including Christianity). We will be discussing themes such as the Five Pillars of Islam and questions like “What is a good life?”

P.E

With Mr Toothill we will be completing activities in Rounders and developing our athletic skills, as well as looking forward to swimming again.

PSHE

In PSHE, our themes this term are Relationships and Changing Me. We will discuss how we get on with others and strategies to help when things don't go quite right, then after half term we will be looking at how our bodies change as we grow up. This will be done in single year groups.

Computing

In Computing, we will be developing our knowledge of coding. This will consist of increasing our skills using Logo, where we will create shapes and patterns using loops and repeats. We will also look at repetition in games.

Important Information

As per the school homework policy which is available at www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk homework will be set on a Friday and returned by the following Thursday.

Our P.E. day is Tuesday and our Swimming day is Thursday. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct P.E. uniform on both these days.

Spelling rules will be learnt and tested on a weekly basis, and tables tests will take place on a Friday. It would be greatly appreciated if you could help your child to prepare for these each week.

Please continue to hear your child read and complete their Reading Record book as often as possible during each week. Discussing and spelling words from the Y3/4 list within the Reading Record would also be a great help. Thank you.

I hope this gives you a clearer picture of the work we will be covering this term. I'm sure we will have a great time exploring all these areas. As always, if you have any queries about anything, please email or catch me in the playground.

Thank you.

Caroline Matthews