

Our Terrific Topic

In topic lessons this term we will focus our learning on the Rainforests. We will explore where rainforests can be found across the globe. We will identify the features of rainforests and examine the animals and plants that live within them. As rainforests are an important part of our world, the children will explore why the rainforests are under threat and what we can do to help conserve them. Within our topic we will study the artist Georgia O'Keefe, finding out who she was and looking at how plants and flowers inspired her artwork. We will also create our own artwork based on plants and flowers in the style of Georgia O'Keefe.

Mathematics

In Mathematics we will build upon the foundations that the children learnt in Year 2. Children will consolidate their number and place value knowledge by ordering and comparing 2 and 3 digit numbers. They will practice counting up in 10's from any number. We will also consolidate adding and subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers. A crucial aspect of maths is ensuring children are fluent in their multiplications and we will start by consolidating their 2, 5 and 10 multiplication skills. We will also cover doubling and halving numbers.

Computing

Children will learn how to use the internet safely to research and find information related to our topic on rainforests. They will learn how to use appropriate search terms to find relevant information. They will also look at how to present information using word processing software.

PSHE

In PSHE children will look at recognising their worth as individuals by identifying positive things about themselves and their achievements.

We are learning...



Year 3 Team

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Mr H Miah

Mr D Craighead

Miss M Govender

Mrs T Lenihan

Teaching Assistants –

Mrs Myrna, Mrs Fozia, Mrs Santeev,

Mrs Philips and Miss Carmen.

Parental Participation

We encourage all parents to support their child at home as much as possible. We recommend that you encourage your child to read a short amount daily and for you to ask questions based on what has been read to check their understanding for example 'Where is the character going?', 'Why did he do that?', 'What do you think will happen?'. We also ask you to apply mathematical concepts in real life situations, for example telling the time using the clock, adding amounts at the shops.

English

As part of our English work this term we will focus on building the children's story writing skills. We will start by focusing on writing stories with a familiar setting. Children will be taught how to write a descriptive setting that includes contrasting moods and feelings. We will look at using adjectives to set the mood. We will also focus on using adverbs, adverbials and speech in their writing. The setting will be based around the beach so we encourage you to take your children to the beach and let them explore how the beach makes them feel. To build the children's ability to write non-fiction texts children will be creating a travel guide that gives the reader clear, useful and interesting information. Children will also be tasked with writing a shape poem based on the different aspects of the rainforest. Children will be taught the features of a shape poem and will then create their own.

Qatar History

Children will learn about the history of Qatar looking at when it was formed, identifying its flag and the population of its people. We will also look at the important features of Qatar.

PE

Children will take part in a range of different sporting activities which include swimming, football, basketball, dance and gymnastics. Children will also have the opportunity to attend a range of different activities in the form of their after school clubs.

Music

In Music lessons children will be taught how to play and perform using their voices and musical instruments. They will also listen and try to recall sounds with increasing aural memory. Linking this to our rainforests topic, children will identify the sounds within the rainforest and try to recreate these sounds using instruments.

Important Vocabulary

Rainforest Vocabulary

- Emergent
- Canopy
- Understorey
- Habitat
- Climate
- Tropical
- Deforestation
- Extinct
- Vegetation



Trees are poems that the
Earth writes upon the sky
-Kahlil Gibran

Library

Children will have the opportunity to visit the library throughout the year to borrow books. Please ensure that children look after the books they bring home from the library.

The library is open to the community to borrow books on Wednesday 8am - 9am so please come along to borrow books to read to your child.

Celebrate Your Success!

Attendance is very important to us at DES, so we encourage all children to attend school as much as possible. The class that has the highest attendance each week is rewarded.

Please help us to make Year 3 the best attending classes!



Have a look - useful websites



www.des.com.qa

Maths

www.mymaths.com
www.mathletics.com

English

www.Readingeggs.com

Science

www.bbc.co.uk/education
www.switchzoo.com

General

www.funology.com
www.topmarks.com
www.theschoolrun.com
www.teachingtables.co.uk

Diary Dates

Open Morning: Thursday 21st September at 9:45am – 11:45am.

Mum's Coffee Moring @ JRC: Monday 25th September at 10:30 – 11:30am.

Important Daily Reminders

Sunday and Tuesday – PE kit to be worn to school

School Bags and diaries to be brought in everyday

Children should bring in a water bottle and a hat everyday – No hat, No Play!