



China
Mrs Nadeem

Year 3 Autumn 1 Newsletter



Nepal
Miss Yousaf

English

This half term students will draw inspiration from music by the French composer Camille Saint-Saëns to write a narrative. The focus will be on creating detailed sentences for a setting description and begin to use paragraphs within our writing. They will also write a non-chronological report about the life cycle of a plant.

We will begin the year by enjoying the book 'Varmints' during our reading for pleasure lessons. Additionally, alongside this text, we will use several poems to explore the deeper theme of the book.

Maths

During this half term we will be looking at number and place value with 3-digit numbers. This includes finding 10 or a 100 more or less than any given number and solving real life problems involving addition and subtraction. In mental maths we will be reviewing our knowledge of the 3 times table and learning the 4 times tables with the matching division facts. We will also be revisiting mental strategies for mental addition and subtraction, including those involving number bonds to 10 and 100. It is important that children practice the times tables on TT Rockstars as part of their daily homework.

Topic

We will begin with the Geography topic Rainforests. We will start by looking at the where in the world rainforests can be found and the reasons why they are located here. We will also look at the layers of the rainforest and begin to look at the variety of species found in each layer. Next, we will progress onto the Science topic –Plants. During this topic, we will identify the different parts of a flowering plant and its function. Our investigation will explore how water is transported in plants.

PE

Children will be learning multi-skills this half term. Agility focus (change direction quickly with equipment), balance (with movement and co-ordination) and progression in performance will be some of the areas covered in P.E.

Art/ DT

This half term we will have a D.T. focus. We will learn how to measure and cut materials with precision. We will also use hinges and other mechanical elements in our product.

Reminders

- ✓ All children **should read for 20 minutes every night** and should bring their reading book each day.
- ✓ All children **should use TT Rockstars for 10 minutes per night** to learn multiplication and division facts to 12.
- ✓ Homework is given out on a Wednesday and is handed in on the following Monday
- ✓ Creative homework pieces can be brought in at any time
- ✓ PE Kits are needed on Tuesdays and Fridays
- ✓ When it is your child's birthday, they are allowed to come in non-uniform
- ✓ We are a nut-free school, so please bear this in mind if your child brings packed lunches
- ✓ Each morning children must bring a bag to put letters and reading books in. Bags are available to buy from the office, or you can provide one of your own.
- ✓ **Children must bring a rain jacket or coat**