



Blue Planet: Deforestation Year 5 Term 5 2024

This Term

Welcome back from the Easter break, only two more terms until the transition to Y6! We'll be working on the children's independence and resilience, ready for their final year. This term we are going to be learning all about the natural world, with a more specific focus on the world's forests and oceans, learning about the impact human activity is having on them, as well as how we can make small changes in our everyday lives to help reduce further damage.

Maths

During this term, we will be working on angles, understanding their importance in a practical contexts. We will also be learning about trickier problems around shape translation and symmetry, identifying a wider range of shapes and learning their properties.



Rapid recall of multiplication facts continues to be a high priority and we encourage pupils to increase their recall speed using the TT Rockstars program at home.

Science

In science we will be investigating living things and their habitats. We have many exciting experiments lined up again and we will be taking advantage of our own nature area in the school grounds.

Scan the QR code for some ideas to investigate at home.



English

We will be starting the term with learning about Sir David Attenborough and Charles Darwin, how they shaped our understanding of the natural world; this will result in a written set of biographies.

We will then look at current environmental challenges faced by the world and how Greta Thunberg is leading the way on changing mindsets on how we should live sustainably, to protect our world.

We will then be reporting on key environmental issues, both verbally and in written form, before finishing the term with a debate, with children taking on the roles of environmentalists and industrialists.

Curriculum

Science and geography take centre stage in our topic this term. The children will be learning about living things and their habitats, alongside exploring different climate zones. In geography, children will learn how to read maps and navigate using a compass, working with maps, statistics, and facts on a larger scale.

In RE, we will be looking at how religion is expressed through the arts. Computing will focus on using databases to organise information in a range of ways. In Art, we will be exploring the work of the designer Alexander McQueen and the career path to becoming a designer.

Reading at Home

Please continue to log home reading on Boom Reader and encourage your child to log their own reading too. Thank you for your continued support in this, it really does make a huge difference to your child's reading speed and comprehension, as well as the acquisition of new and exciting vocabulary!

Key Messages

PE continues to be on a Monday and Tuesday, children are to come dressed in outdoor-appropriate kit.

After school sports club will continue to be every Monday, 3-4pm.

Friday 26th April, we are visiting the Grammar School for our Y5 Curriculum taster day, SGS have requested that children come in trainers and lunch will be provided (unless your child wishes to still have packed lunch).

