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Spring Term News

TRENCROM, LANYON and KERRIS
CLASSES

From bean to bar...



In the Spring Term the children will be learning all about South America. Our project will have a very strong emphasis on Geography-not only looking at the equator, hemispheres and weather; but also at the Amazon, Mayan Civilisation and chocolate! Our guiding statement from this term will be "From bean to bar..." We will look at the stages required to produce chocolate, thinking carefully about fair trade as we do so.

Breaking News...

As part of our project, the children will be designing and making a 'Fair Trade' snack to be sold in the tuck shop - look out for more information soon!



English

We will begin the term by writing shape poems inspired by water. We will then move on to fiction writing using the book 'The Amazon Diary' to inspire our writing. Next, a little more poetry; this time performance poetry inspired by Brian Moses. After half term we will be writing stories, basing our writing on the book The Shayman's Apprentice. We will, of course, retain a strong focus upon reading, which will be supported by our reading passports and reading karate scheme. Please continue to read regularly at home as well as learning spellings which are given out at the beginning of each half term. Your child will also be able to practise their spellings online at home using 'Spelling Shed'.

Maths

In maths we will be moving on to fractions, money, decimals, length, perimeter and area, as well as capacity and mass. By the end of Year 4, the children should know all of their tables up to 12 x 12. Tables knowledge is so useful for many aspects of maths and builds the children's confidence considerably. We will of course be encouraging the children to continue to work towards achieving their Jedi Badges.

Science

In the first half of the term we will be learning about Plants before moving on to looking at Living Things and their Habitats in the second half of the term. We will be linking this closely to our project, learning not only about the plants that grow in the Amazon Rainforest but also the foods we import in to this country and the journey they make.

Computing

As well as continuing to focus on online safety, we will explore rainforests through Virtual Reality (VR) apps. We will create our own interactive learning games for younger children to play.

Uniform

We are very pleased to see all your children looking so smart in their full winter uniforms. As a school we place particular emphasis on the children wearing the correct uniform at all times. Please see a member of the team or refer to our website if you have any questions. Children should keep their full PE kit in school; red shorts, white polo shirt and black plimsolls or trainers. It may also be helpful for children to have their tracksuit in school as the weather can be so unpredictable. Outdoor Learning also forms an essential part of our learning, we would ask that your child keeps a set of old clothes at the ready for these activities. (We will text beforehand)

RE

In the first half of the term we will be exploring the religion of Islam. Later in the term we will be looking at rituals of different religions.

DT & Art

In Art this term, children will be working on their printing skills, using a range of media to produce a rainforest inspired final piece of work. In DT we will be focusing on food. The children will begin by looking at Dips and Dippers, before going on to design and produce a fair trade snack to be sold in the tuck shop.

PE

In PE will continue to teach the children a range of sports as well as promoting physical activity. As usual, Mr T will deliver PE on a Wednesday afternoon, however, the children will still need to have their full PE kit in school all week. As well as this, we will continue to complete outdoor learning sessions with Daisy so please can you ensure that wellies are in school at all times. We will send a message home when the children may need old clothes.

Music

We will explore the rainforest through music, supported by the wonderful Mrs England.

From time to time we will be watching extracts from films to enhance the children's learning. Some of these may have a PG or possible a 12a rating. We will also be watching some of the Horrible History programmes, which are rated PG. If you have any concerns about this, please do not hesitate to come in and see us.