

SPRING NEWS

**TRENCROM, LANYON &
KERRIS CLASSES**

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Could The Rainforest Be Your Eden?

During the Spring Term the children will be learning all about Rainforests, being led by our essential question... "Could the Rainforest be your Eden?" Our final outcome, this term, will be the opening of a rainforest inspired reading area in the woodlands.

We will keep you updated as the term progresses on the details of this event.

Uniform

We are very pleased to see all your children looking so smart in their full uniforms. As a school we are placing particular emphasis on 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. Tracksuits can be worn during PE lessons when the weather is cold or wet.

Parent Consultations

We look forward to seeing you all again at the parent consultation evenings this term; these will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, 6th to the 8th of March. These are an excellent opportunity for you to find out how your child is progressing against their personal targets. In the meantime if you need to see us, please do not hesitate to arrange an appointment. Things are always busy first thing in the morning, so we would have more time to talk to you after school.



ENGLISH

In English we will begin the term by exploring poetic language inspired by the rainforest before moving onto recount writing. We will be writing diary extracts about living and surviving in the rainforest. In the second half of the term we will be looking at stories from other cultures before writing our own. As part of our REAL project, we will also be carrying out some persuasive writing before finishing off the term with some performance poetry.

Throughout the term we will be focusing on our personal targets from the year group key objectives.

MATHS

In Maths the children will be learning how to use a range of calculation strategies. They will learn about measures, shapes, money and fractions and will apply this knowledge when solving real life Maths problems. Mental maths skills are an essential part of our learning and we will be focusing on times tables knowledge. 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 be encouraging all of the children to earn more Jedi Maths Master badges!

SCIENCE

During the first half of the term we will be learning about plants—specifically plants found in the rainforest and the conditions in which they need to survive. We will research the medicinal properties of some of these plants as well as how they contribute to the diet of local tribes.

In the second half of the term we will move onto learning about living things and their habitats, again focusing on the rainforest.

MUSIC

We will be creating our own music inspired by the sounds of the rainforest.

PE

This term our PE topics are dance and gymnastics; this is in addition to the PPA PE sessions with our PE coaches. It is really important that your child has a full, correct PE kit in school everyday. This consists of white T-shirt, red shorts, trainers or plimsolls. School tracksuits may be worn during outdoor PE lessons.

HUMANITIES

Our learning this term will be based on our essential question "Could the rainforest be your Eden". We will be developing our map skills and general knowledge of the world as well as exploring the life of ancient civilisations. In the second half of the term, our focus will be on the physical and human geography of the area, making comparisons to our local surroundings. We will be linking our humanities learning across the curriculum particularly in English and Science.

RE

Our RE learning this term is focused on Islam. We will be delivering this separately from our REAL project towards the end of the term.

DT

In DT we will be looking at food. We are planning on using our outdoor space to do lots of cooking. We are hoping to provide children with the opportunity to taste something just a little bit different!

COMPUTING

This term we will be using our iPads to bring our recount writing to life. We will be filming our diary entries on location from deep within the rainforest. Later on in the term we will be using Google Earth to explore the local landscape in support of our geography learning.

We will, of course, be continuing to use iPads to support the research, planning and presentation of our learning in all areas of the curriculum

ART

In art we will be printing. The colours and textures of the rainforest will be our inspiration; as well as traditional tribal prints and some of the creatures that can be found living there.

French

We are all looking forward to building upon our French Language skills with our new French scheme, linking our language learning to our REAL project work across the curriculum.

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 possibly a 12A rating. . If you have any concerns about this, please do not hesitate to come in and see us.