

In LITERACY this term we are learning to...

Reading Focus

- Use the Internet to research information about our rainforest topic. We will be focusing on selecting credible information, organising notes under headings and sub-headings and using our own words during note taking.
- Recording all sources in a bibliography.
- Explore characterisation, setting, underlying themes and writer's style during group reading sessions.

Writing Focus

- Writing inspired by our rainforest topic, with a focus on informative / persuasive texts.
- Poetry
- Edit our writing using spelling strategies, success criteria and teacher feedback

Listening and Talking Focus

- Present information about an animal found in tropical rainforests to the rest of the class (this will be carried out in small groups)
- Take part in a class debate. Context - environmental impact of human activity.



In NUMERACY AND MATHEMATICS we are learning to...

Numeracy

- Use the tests for divisibility.
- Work with negative numbers.
- Multiply and divide by 1000.
- Develop our understanding of common multiples, factor pairs and primes.
- Use brackets to partition and re-order numbers in a calculation.

Measure

- Area and perimeter of squares, rectangles and compound shapes.
- Area of a triangle.
- Volume of solid objects and their surface area.
- Estimate and measure items (length, weight, capacity, and liquid volume).

Our Stockbridge Counts focus is...

addition and subtraction and multiplication and division



In HEALTH AND WELLBEING ...

P.E. lessons will be taught on Mondays by the class teacher (once skiing finishes) and on Wednesdays by our new PE Specialist Mr Davies. The focus will be on athletics and striking and fielding games. Please ensure that you bring full PE kit each week.

In addition to this, the children will be attending Hillend Ski Centre every Thursday for a block of six weeks and will be undertaking the Bikeability programme in May.

Our Building Resilience focus this term is 'Get Active'. In this unit we will learn...

- being active is not only good for the body but also for the mind.
- to identify hobbies and interests that we enjoy doing.
- doing anything new involves taking a risk.

Keeping Myself Safe

This term as part of Health and Wellbeing, we will be focusing on personal safety which will be explored through the Keeping Myself Safe programme.

Our INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING TOPIC this term is...

Our topic this term is The Rainforest. The topic will explore how we can care for the world and we will be exploring the impact of human activity on rainforest areas, particularly in Brazil.

By the end of the term your child will be able to:

- Locate rainforests of the world on a map
- Explain why rainforests are located in certain areas
- Explain how the physical environment influences land use
- Compare the climate, living things and land use with Scotland
- Consider the effect of human activity on rainforests and the living things within them

Our SCIENCE TOPIC this term is...

living on earth (including the water cycle and food chains and webs)

OTHER LEARNING AND WIDER SCHOOL LIFE...

The class will have the opportunity to work with specialist teachers in French, Mandarin, PE and Music this term.

Active Schools Games @ the HUB

Primary 6 will be taking part in a sports festival at Forrester High School on Wednesday 23rd May. Your child will be part of one of the following teams: Gaelic football, swimming or athletics.

Broughton High School Language Festival

Along with our other cluster schools, the class will be taking part in a languages workshop at Broughton High School on Wednesday 9th May.

If you are available to attend as a helper at either of these events, please let the school office know.

Storytelling Workshop

As part of our Mpeni Partnership Event, the class will be taking part in a storytelling festival. Workshops will be taking place during the week of 14th May.

OTHER NEWS AND REMINDERS...

Please try to encourage your child to complete at least one task from the home learning wall each term.

Pupils should bring a pencil case, with a sharpened pencil and a rubber to class each day. Please check schoolbags for letters, permission slips etc.

Please remember to check your child's ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL regularly and make comments. We are really keen to hear about their wider achievements and you can record these on the Online Journal.



Many thanks,

Miss Green

