

ENGLISH: We are currently reading 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell which is an adventure story where a plane crashes in the Amazon rainforest. Four children then set out on an expedition through the Amazon trying to find a way home. The children have written a biography about a fictional explorer that they created and they have also written a scientific non-chronological report after creating their own creature that could live in the Amazon Rainforest. Later this term, the children will learn how to write persuasively and will use this in a variety of ways including in a persuasive advert to encourage holidaymakers to book holidays in the Amazon

MATHS: Fractions have been a focus this term. This is something that both Year 5 and 6 will continue to practise, especially when the children are back in the classroom. Upper School have also worked on word problems involving fractions, decimals and percentages. A focus on measures and shape including area, perimeter and volume is planned for the rest of the Spring term. These skills will all be applied in fluency and problem-solving SAT style questions.

SCIENCE: The focus of our science this term is on reptiles and amphibians that inhabit the Amazon Rainforest. Children will look at a diverse selection of different creatures before learning about classification keys. They will also complete a case study on an Amazonian reptile/amphibian of their choosing.

ART: We will be asking the children to create a self portrait of themselves as well as create imagery from the writing of our book, The Explorer.

RE: God is our focus this term as the children learn about his attributes (omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresence) and also what Christians believe God is like. Before half term, the children will have a live Q+A session with a Reverend from the local area.



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MFL: Children will be set, by their Italian teacher, weekly/bi-weekly Italian work to complete from home.

PSHE: This term includes Children's Mental Health Week and we will look at how the children can express themselves to remain happy and make themselves feel good. Children will be encouraged to take time away from the screen when possible.

GEOGRAPHY: The children will explore rivers and how they are important to the people that live around and far from them.

MUSIC: Children will be using our Charanga programme to access different units of work. For Year 5 it will be 'Make You Feel My Love' and for Year 6 'You've Got a Friend'. Children will also be set different tasks to explore the world of music.

FOREST SCHOOL: This will not be possible this term due to Covid-19. Upon returning to school, the children will continue with weekly Forest School activities.

PE: We will be encouraging children to try and get as much fresh air as possible (whilst staying socially distant) whilst also providing them with resources such as activity videos and challenge cards to try and keep them active.

COMPUTING: Children will have the opportunity to use lots of digital literacy skills (using Docs, Slides etc) as they complete work online. We will supplement this with coding activities and online safety activities to complete at home.