

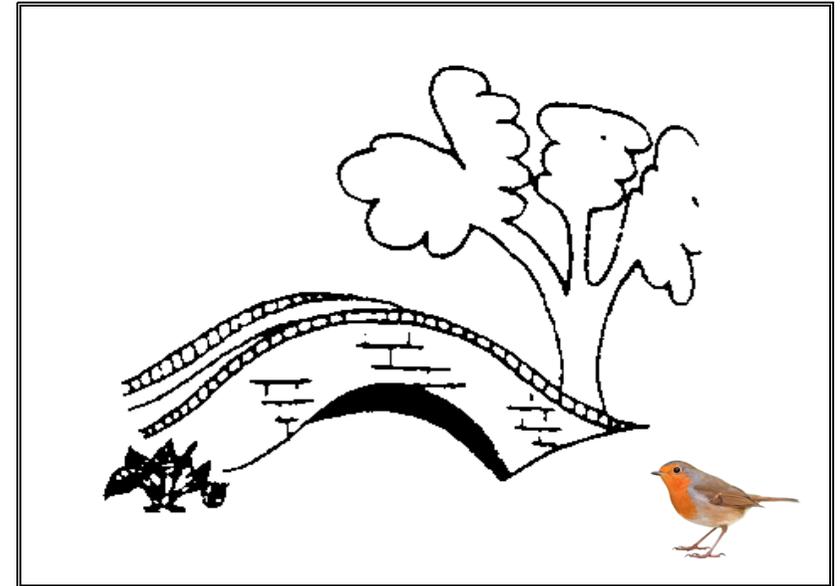
Possible ways of helping your child with their work this half term:

- Ensure that they complete any homework given.
- Visit the library to look at or borrow books connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Use the internet and visit some of the websites listed below to research information.
- Visit places of interest connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Allow your child to bring information into school to share with the rest of the class.

Useful Websites:

- <http://www.ducksters.com/geography/southamerica.php>
Information to support our geography work in class on South America.
- <http://www.worldwildlife.org/places/amazon>
Information about the Amazon Rainforest for help with studies this term.
- <https://ttrockstars.com/>
It is incredibly beneficial for children to continue to rehearse their tables facts as frequently as possible.

Whixall Church of England Primary School and Nursery



Curriculum Information for Parents



Autumn Term 2022

English. Our English this term will be linked to our topic work and focused on writing related to the rainforest. We will be focusing our written work around the story, 'The Explorer' which is an adventure story set in the heart of the Amazon Rainforest. The children will explore the characters within the text, writing about them and from their perspective at different points in the story. Opportunities will be created for different forms of fiction and non-fiction writing, including the development of a short biography about a famous Amazonian explorer. The children will also consider issues related to the rainforest using the story 'The Vanishing Rainforest'. We will link our grammar and punctuation work to the writing outcomes from the books.

Mathematics. In our mathematics sessions this term, we will be:
Able to count forwards or backwards in steps of powers of 10 for any given number up to 1,000,000.
Add and subtract numbers mentally with increasingly large numbers.
Convert between different units of metric measure [for example, kilometre and metre; centimetre and metre.
Read, write, order and compare numbers to at least 1,000,000 and determine the value of each digit.
Add and subtract whole numbers with more than 4 digits, including using formal written methods (columnar addition and subtraction).
Measure and calculate the perimeter of composite rectilinear shapes in centimetres and metres.
Round any number up to 1,000,000 to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000

Science. Our theme for science is Earth, Space and light. The children will examine the way in which night and day are caused by the Earth's rotation around the Sun as well as considering the similarities and differences between the Earth and other planets in the Solar System. We will compare the planets in our Galaxy in terms of structure and rotation time. Children will organise investigations to identify properties of light and how it travels. They will use mirrors to investigate how the direction light travels and can be changed.

Humanities: Our topic for this term is based around a geographical study of South America; in particular Brazil. As part of this unit, we will explore how human and physical geography differ between where we live and in Brazil. Children will learn about the impact of the Equator on the climate of Brazil. We will explore features such as the Rainforest, the Amazon River and major cities such as Rio. The children will consider what life is like for people living in rural and urban areas. We will 'travel' along the Amazon river, learning about the settlements, animals and weather systems that can be found along it.

P.S.H.E. (Personal, Social and Health Education)

During PSHE lessons this term, children will first focus on a unit called 'Being me in my World'. In this, they will consider target setting, dealing with change and consider what unites them as a group. This will then lead to our second unit called 'Celebrating Difference'.

P.E: For our PE sessions this term, the children will take part in swimming lessons at Market Drayton. During the sessions, children will develop further water confidence; refine and develop swimming techniques; and perform water safety and water skills work. Our outdoor learning sessions will be on a Thursday and linked to our termly theme.

Art and Design. In art this term, we will research South American masks with the children developing an understanding of what specific colours and markings symbolise. The children will then create their own three dimensional mask using a range of materials and media to compose and decorate them.

Design and Technology. In Design and Technology this term, we will be focusing on cooking and nutrition. The children will explore different food products, taste testing them and analysing them initially. The children will then prepare and cook their own food dish and then evaluate it.

R.E. This half term we will be identifying different types of biblical texts, using technical terms accurately and make clear connections between Bible texts studied and what Christians believe about God through how churches are designed. We will explain connections between biblical texts and the Christian idea of God and show how Christians put their beliefs into practice in worship.

I.C.T. and computing: Our computing this term is 'My Online Life'. During our sessions, we will improve our knowledge of the risks of being online and develop our skills when using various services. After half term, we will be moving onto 'YouTuber'. We will learn what it means to become one, discuss the positive and negatives associated, as well as look to create our very own vlog.

Music. This term, the children will continue to work with Mrs Hawke on a Tuesday. As part of these sessions, children will read and write simple musical notation; perform and rehearse songs; and listen to a range of music, appreciating tone, melody, beat and rhythm.

Spanish: In Spanish lessons, the children will be developing recall of numbers to 100, learning the names for parts of the body, naming animals and members of immediate family, and will be rehearsing common greetings and conversation in Spanish.