

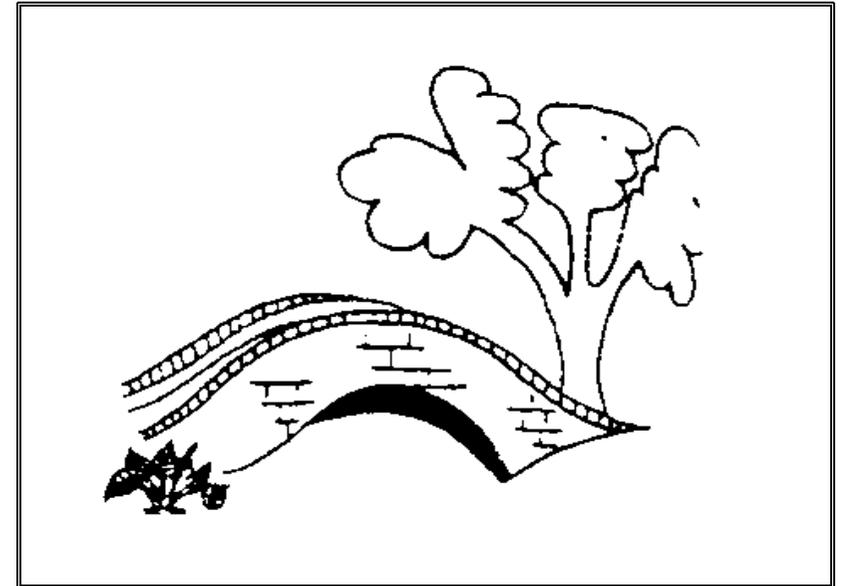
# Whixall Church of England Primary School and Nursery

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://trockstars.com/>  
It is incredibly beneficial for children to continue to rehearse their tables facts as frequently as possible.



## Curriculum Information for Parents

### Autumn Term 2022

**English.** Our English lessons this term are linked with our topic work and focus on writing related to the rainforest. We will be focusing our written work around the story, 'The Explorer' which is an action-packed adventure story set right 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 the rainforest and relate their writing work to the story of 'The Vanishing Rainforest'. We will relate grammar and punctuation work carefully to the writing outcomes linked to the book.

**Mathematics.** In our mathematics sessions this term we will be:

- Focusing on reading and writing numbers up to and beyond 10 million
- Securing knowledge and understanding of multiplying and dividing any number by 10, 100 and 1000
- Solving calculation problems through increasingly sophisticated written and mental methods
- Using knowledge of shapes to solve problems related to area and perimeter
- Securing knowledge of the conversion of measures
- Interpreting multi-step problems that require different calculation methods.
- Reading, writing, ordering and comparing fractions.

**Science.** Our termly 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 of light travels and can be changed.

**Humanities:** Our topic for this term is based around a geographical study of South America; in particularly 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)**

In PSHE sessions this term, the children will start by thinking about change. They will consider how the events of recent months have affected aspects of our lives and how we adapted and changed. They will then consider different forms of relationships and ways in which these can evolve.

### **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.

**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 then will get to create their own three-dimensional mask using a range of materials and media to compose and then decorate them.

**Design and Technology.** In Design and Technology lessons this term, we will focus on cookery. The children will explore different food products, taste testing them and analysing them initially. The children will then have the chance to cook and prepare their own food dish and then analyse it.

**R.E.** During the first unit this term, children will focus on the key beliefs and practices in Islam, emphasising current practice in addition to providing children with opportunities to learn about the historical foundation of the religion.

**I.C.T. and computing:** Our first computing and ICT sessions this term will be about online identity. The children will consider carefully what it means to have an online presence and how they should deal with their own personal information online. Following this, the children will focus on video construction and video editing.

**Music.** This term, the children will continue to work with Mrs Hawke on Tuesdays. 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 on Friday mornings, 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.