

### **English**

In handwriting we are focusing on continuing to develop our joins. When ready, the children will move on to using pen in their books.

We will be focusing on building the children's vocabulary using various tools such as fiction and non-fiction texts based on our topic. We will teach them to apply their learnt knowledge into a range of writing including a non-chronological report, and shape poetry based around our topic.

In grammar this term we will initially concentrate on basic punctuation and sentence structure before moving on to adverbial phrases in preparation for our suspense writing.

### **Science**

Through our 'Digestive System' unit of work, the children will find out how food is digested and where it travels around the body.

Linked to this are the different diets of animals and whether they are predators, prey or both.

We will revise the types of teeth and how to keep our teeth healthy.

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**This term's topic is about Rainforests where we will learn about what rainforests are, where they are located and what animals live there.**

### **Maths**

This term will be an opportunity to consolidate our understanding of the times tables we learnt in Year 3. We will also practise our quick recall of the 6x table.

The children will extend their knowledge of place value up to numbers with 4 digits, thinking about the value of each digit and ordering numbers. They will use this knowledge to help them round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

Later in the term, we will be classifying 2D shapes and identifying lines of symmetry.

### **Computing**

The children will use 2Code to write a programme that accomplishes a specific goal. We will also consider how to keep safe whilst using the internet and think about which images are appropriate to share online.

### **RE**

With a focus on Judaism, the children will learn about the 10 Commandments and about the special relationship Jews have with God.

### **PE**

In Class PE, we will develop the skills needed for netball – lots of throwing and catching. With Mr Barnett, children will develop the skills needed to play football- passing and running with the ball.

### **French**

The children will recap previous learning and continue to build their confidence when speaking in French. We will use simple greetings, and have simple conversations as part of our daily routines.

### **Music**

Class 9 will have clarinet lessons every Tuesday for the first three terms with a teacher from the Swindon Music services. Class 10 will be learning music notation through playing the glockenspiel.

### **Geography & History**

We will learn about countries with rainforests and the different layers within a rainforest. Children will choose an animal to study and think about the effects of deforestation upon rainforest habitat.

### **PSHE**

In PSHE, the focus will be on the children understanding who they are and celebrating similarities and differences as part of the school community and wider community.

### **Reminders**

Please try to read five times a week and record in your reading logs!  
Bristol Zoo trip Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September.  
Parents Evenings: 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019