

ENGLISH

This half term the children will be using their voices to create persuasive letters seeking to influence decision-makers about the effects of palm oil on the environment and other issues that they would like to effect change on. They will have the opportunity to read and discuss example letters and to learn effective persuasive techniques, as well as how such letters should be structured. They will have a good opportunity to practice formality as well as the chance to use a wider range of conjunctions such as 'consequently'.

SCIENCE

In the topic 'Animals and their Habitats', children will learn how different species are uniquely suited to their environments. They will also look at the ways in which these species are dependent on each other and their native habitats for survival.

PE

Children will be developing their hand-eye coordination and learning the basic rules of tennis. In gymnastics, they will work on performing skills more consistently and working on group performances.

PSHE

'Healthy Me' is the topic for this half term in PSHE. The children will examine the importance of healthy choices in terms of friendships and lifestyle choices e.g. smoking. They will then build on this to understand how relationships can be nurturing and what to do when they are not.

MUSIC

This half term the children will be learning to play the glockenspiel. They will learn about the instrument family the glockenspiel belongs to, the correct playing technique, how to play a major scale and a piece which includes a harmony part.

FRENCH

Pupils will be learning phrases to describe the weather and vocabulary for the compass points, as well as the numbers 1-100. They will be combining this knowledge to make statements about the weather in French.

MATHEMATICS

The focus in maths this half term will be on applying skills to further consolidate children's understanding of multiplication and division and apply this in problem-solving contexts. Attention will also be focused on recalling multiplication and division facts and learning how to represent these pictorially or by using concrete apparatus. A recap of 2-D shapes will be covered, looking at polygons. Further, the children will also look at coordinates on a 2-D grid. They will plot points to complete shapes in the first quadrant.

COMPUTING

Children will learn how to collect and sort data about a variety of topics, and are starting to use graphing tools that can help visualise information accurately in different contexts. Thereafter they will compare and contrast the best ways to show information visually.

RE

The children will consider the question – Why is Easter important to Christians? They will learn about why and how Easter is celebrated by Christians throughout the world. Events such as Palm Sunday and the Last Supper will be studied and discussed.

Geography

The children will be finding out about rainforests and where they are located in the world. They will learn about the layers in rainforests and how these enable different animals to create their homes. Deforestation will be explored with the children; examining how and why this habitat is being destroyed. In addition, the children will enhance their knowledge about rainforest animals and plants.

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