

ENGLISH

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

GEOGRAPHY

Pupils will find out where rainforests are located and, using a range of resources, 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.

PE

In handball, pupils will be developing their skills in defence and stop attacks by blocking and intercepting. In tag rugby, they will learn to implement rules and develop tactics in competitive situations. 4I will continue to go swimming.

PSHE

'Healthy Me' is the topic for this half-term in PSHE. Pupils 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

During this half-term, pupils will consolidate their knowledge of the fretboard by playing simple melodies and strumming simple chords. They will also learn how to articulate some strumming patterns on the ukulele as well as singing in tune with a given melodic theme.

FRENCH

Pupils will be learning phrases to describe the weather and vocabulary for the compass points, as well as the numbers 1-100.

MATHEMATICS

Measure will be the topic that we will be looking at in maths this half-term. Pupils will learn to convert between different units of measurement for example g to kg. Using their previous knowledge they will solve simple problems involving fractions and numbers to two decimal places. Pupils will also measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear shape in centimetres and metres. To develop their knowledge of measure further they will also learn how to find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares and using a formula.

COMPUTING

This half-term pupils will learn how data records can be stored and sorted in many different ways, according to various attributes. They will create their own 'Top Trumps'-style data cards about their favourite rainforest animals, linking to their science focus.

RE

Pupils will learn about why Easter is important to Christians. They will also find out how Easter is celebrated by Christians throughout the world. Important events such as the Last Supper will be discussed.

SCIENCE

In the topic 'Animals and their Habitats', pupils will learn that to stay alive and healthy, all living things need certain conditions that let them carry out key life processes. Pupils will explore how different species are uniquely suited to their specific habitats. Additionally, pupils will also learn that changes to an environment can be natural or caused by humans. The positive and negative impact that these changes can have will also be discussed.

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