

## ENGLISH

This half term the children 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, as well as how such 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'.

## 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

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.

## 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

During this term pupils will use the glockenspiel to dive deeper into the skills they learnt when playing the ukulele last half term. This includes rhythmic consistency, sense of tempo, composing their own melodies and expressing their own ideas.

## FRENCH

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

## MATHEMATICS

The focus in maths this half term will be on applying skills to further consolidate children's understanding of multiplication and division, applying 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 2D shapes will be covered, looking at polygons. Further, the children will also look at coordinates on a 2D grid, plotting points to complete shapes in the first quadrant.

## COMPUTING

Children will learn how to collect data using data loggers, and will then investigate how they can sort and visualise data in various ways by using graphing tools 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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