

## ENGLISH

This half-term, pupils will be using their debating skills before writing persuasive letters, seeking to influence decision-makers about the effects of deforestation 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, children 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 by using a range of resources including Google Maps. 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

Our outdoor sport this term is cricket. Children will be developing hand-eye co-ordination as well as moving into position to catch a ball. In dance, they will focus on physical control, coordination, maintaining rhythm and thinking about how to communicate their sequence to an audience.

## 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 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

Pupils will embed their knowledge on reading music and play more complex melodies on the glockenspiel. This will involve children playing two melodies at the same time, to improve their sense of harmony. This will help them with ensemble playing skills, differentiating between lead melody and accompaniment.

## FRENCH

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

## MATHEMATICS

Year 4 will examine the relationship between multiplying by 100 and understand that when a number is multiplied by 100, each part of that number becomes 100 times larger. Similarly, they will see that dividing by 100 makes a number one hundred times smaller. Pupils will also develop their understanding of position, direction and movement on a coordinate grid. They will learn how to give directions from one position to another. Finally, children will explore the relationship between the part, the whole and the number of parts in fractions. Homework for maths will continue to be set via LbQ on a weekly basis.

## COMPUTING

This unit introduces Artificial Intelligence (AI) in general and unpacks what pupils already know about sorting data, before they get hands-on, creating, testing and improving their own machine. Learning models will be used as new inputs in code on the micro:bit.

## 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 all living things need certain conditions that let them carry out key life processes. They will explore how different species are uniquely suited to their specific habitats. Additionally, children will learn that changes to an environment can be natural or caused by humans. A workshop at West Ham Park will expose children to different types of living things in their local environment.

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