

Curriculum Newsletter

Learning in Year 3



GREENLEYS
JUNIOR SCHOOL

LEARNING *for* LIFE

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Terms 3 and 4

English



We will begin the term by learning all about Rainforests of the world. We will be taking the children on a trip to The Living Rainforest in Newbury, where we will be able to learn about and see some plants and animals that live in different rainforests around the world. We will be using what we have learnt and apply it into our English work by writing a description of what it is like in a rainforest, information texts about different animals and a formal letter persuading the Brazilian president to stop deforestation. We will also be using a book called The Great Kapok Tree to write our own rainforest fantasy story. Finally, we will be performing and writing our own rainforest poems.

Maths

In maths we will begin with learning about days, months and years as well as telling the time. After this, we will be recapping the place value of numbers - placing numbers on a number line, counting in 10s and 100s and partitioning numbers in different ways. We will then be recapping addition and subtraction methods before moving on to multiplying and how this links to division. After half term we will be learning all about fractions – including reading and writing fractions, finding fractions of shapes and amounts and adding and subtracting fractions.



We will also be doing some work on Measures (weight) and statistics and problem solving.

Science

The children will begin by learning all about nutrition. They will be learning that animals and humans need the right type and amount of nutrition. They will be creating their own healthy balanced sandwiches.



After half term, We will be studying the topic 'Helping plants grow', we will find out what plants need to ensure they grow, name and describe parts of a plant and lifecycles of a flowering plant. The children will have the opportunity to plant their

Geography

In geography our topic is Rainforests of the World. The children will learn about continents and oceans and then where in the world rainforests are found. We will use atlases and google maps to locate them. We will also learn about the rainforest climate, the habitat, the animals it accommodates as well as the importance of rainforests and deforestation.

Design and Food Technology and Art

In design technology we will be making rainforest dioramas – a 3D model of a rainforest.

In art, we will be studying a French artist Henri Rousseau, who is famous for painting rainforest scenes. We will learn about his life, his famous paintings and have a go at creating pictures in the style of his work.



Religious Education

Our first RE topic is what we know about Jesus, we will be thinking about what Jesus looked like and what he was like as a person by reading some Bible stories about him. After half term we will be learning all about different Jewish festivals.



Physical Education

This term, Year 3 will be learning handball and dance. After half term they will be doing gymnastics and athletics. For PE, children need to wear black shorts, a white t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls. Please could you make sure that PE kits are named and always in school for lessons on Monday and Thursday.

Personal, Social and Health Education

We will be using a new scheme of work called 'Jigsaw' that will help children develop positive relationships with themselves and others. We will begin with Dreams and Goals, they will be thinking about how they learn and what they can do to improve. After half term, the topic is Healthy Me where they will be thinking and learning about how to keep themselves safe and healthy.



Computing

We will be learning all about how to use the Internet safely and effectively for research purposes. We will also be looking at Microsoft Word and learning how to add images, text boxes and change fonts to create a poster about what they have learnt. After half term, they will be using the programme 'Scratch' to create a sequence of instructions to move and programme a cartoon character.



French

We will be learning basic French phrases as well as the names of French food. We will also learn a number of different French songs to help remember the vocabulary.

Music

The children will be doing a unit of work called Animal Magic, they will be listening to and performing music based on animal movements.

Helping Your Child At Home

Please can you listen to your child read at least 3 times a week and record this in their reading record. Please remember to ask questions about what they've read and what they think will happen next.

Homework will be sent home weekly and children may choose their task from the termly grid. There is a homework club on a Monday lunchtime if children need any help with homework or need to use their laptop for a task or research. Your child will also bring home weekly spellings which they need to learn ready for spelling tests on Fridays. Please can you encourage them to complete and return their completed spelling sheets on a Friday.

Along with this newsletter you will also receive two Knowledge Organisers. This key document has an overview of our rainforest and Science topics being taught this term. It includes lots of relevant information, including key facts and vocabulary. Feel free to put this up somewhere visible at home so that you can share your child's learning with them and reinforce what has been taught at school at home.

