

English

The Journey

We will read 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna. Through poems, descriptions, dialogue and diary work, we will build key writing skills and vocabulary. We will plan, write, and edit a refugee narrative and a diary entry, developing cohesion, emotional language, and confidence in structuring our ideas.



Science

Deforestation in Madagascar

We will examine the causes and effects of deforestation, including a focused investigation into deforestation in Madagascar. We will explore the uses of wood, conduct a mini experiment on the impact of deforestation, and learn about conservation work such as Gerald Durrell's efforts and the Durrell Index.



Music

Clarinet / Trumpet

We shall be playing notes, semiquavers and rhythms on the trumpet / clarinet. We shall also read staff notation whilst playing our instrument.

Geography

Why are rainforests important to us?

We will explore biomes, focusing on the Amazon rainforest, and identify its location and key features. We will describe the layers of a tropical rainforest and learn about the lives of indigenous peoples. We will examine why rainforests are important and the threats they face.



Enrichment

African Art Workshop

We shall be having a creative African Art workshop featuring art and music. We will also be welcoming a visitor to discuss Judaism.

Art and Design

Fabric of Nature

We will explore the design process, develop imagery, and experiment with textile techniques to create repeating patterns. We will also learn how art can be made for different purposes.



Year 4 Curriculum Spring 1

This half term our topic is: **Journeys**

Support your child at home:

Why not create a factfile or poster about the Amazon rainforest?

Computing

We Are Meteorologists

We will observe and record the weather, then analyse the data we collect. Using our observations and a photo collection, we will make predictions and identify the features of a good weather forecast. We will also plan and deliver our own weather forecast.

Religious Education

Judaism

We will learn about the Jewish Exodus and the significance of the Seder, including the Seder Plate and Four Questions. We will also explore the Ten Plagues.

PSHE

Dreams and Goals

We will explore hopes, dreams, and how to overcome disappointment, discussing how to set new and realistic goals. We will also work in groups to celebrate each other's contributions.

Maths

Multiplication and Division

We will focus on multiplication and division facts, area and shape, applying reasoning skills, and continuing weekly arithmetic practice. We will develop our understanding of factor pairs, multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100, written methods, perimeter and equivalent lengths.

French

Homes

We will be learning about rooms and furniture in the home.

Physical Education

Dance / Netball

We will develop indoor dance skills, creating and adapting movements. Outdoors, we will focus on netball, developing our attacking and defending skills and moving into space. Some classes will also go swimming.