

Year 3 Pentecost 2 Newsletter

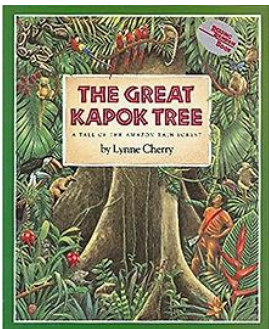
Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable break and are ready to be back at school. Here is an overview of our learning for this next exciting half term.

English

This half term as writers, we will be writing a range of genres based around our topic theme, plants and the rainforests.

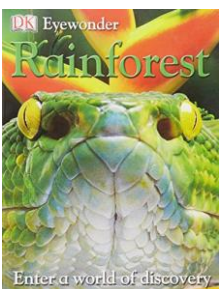
This half term as writers, we will be focusing on:

Fiction



We will look at this story about the rainforests and create our own dilemma story.

Non-fiction



We will create our own persuasive writing to convince our audience to protect the rainforests. We will also continue to use paragraphs in our writing.

Maths

In Maths, this term we will be using White Rose Maths. Over the final Pentecost term, we will be focusing on:

- Shape
- Statistics

As mathematicians, we will be focusing on our mathematical vocabulary and our reasoning skills. White Rose models and supports children's learning in instilling a growth mindset approach to maths and will focus on helping all children to build a deep understanding of maths concepts. The mastery programme is designed to spark curiosity and excitement and nurture confidence in maths.

RE

Our focus for RE this half term will be **Choices and Special Places**.

The Choices topic looks at the coming of the Holy Spirit and the sacrament of reconciliation.

The Special Places topic looks at the wonders of God's world and how we can keep it special.





SCIENCE – How did that blossom become an apple? A look at how plants grow and how pollination works.

LQ1	What are the functions of the different parts of a flowering plant?
LQ 2	What do plants need to live and grow? (investigation)
LQ 3	How is water transported within plants? (investigation)
LQ 4	What are the parts of a flower called and can you find them?
LQ 5	What is pollination and how are seeds formed?
LQ 6	How are seeds dispersed?

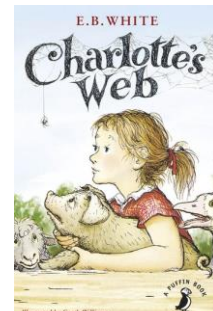
Geography– Rainforests – How can we help save the rainforests?



LQ1	Where are the rainforests?
LQ 2	Why is a Rainforest called a rainforest?
LQ 3	What are the layers of the rainforest called and what might you find there?
LQ 4	Who lives in the rainforest?
LQ 5	What's so special about the amazon?
LQ 6	How can we protect the rainforest?

Guided Reading

Our Guided Reading text for this half term is *Charlotte's Web* by EB White. As readers, we will be reading this text as a class and answering a range of different questions relating to this text. We will be paying particular attention to interpret questions and considering the author's choices to support our understanding of the text.



How can you help?

Weekly Homework – Please note: login details can be found stuck inside Homework diaries.

- Homework will be set on Seesaw on a Friday and will need to be completed by the following Friday. If you have any trouble accessing homework online or would prefer a paper copy, please let me know and I can arrange this for you.
- Every 2 weeks your child will receive spellings. The spelling test will take place on a Thursday morning. Please practise these spellings with your child at home!
- Spelling Shed – please ensure your child is accessing this regularly at home, there are certificates and rewards for children who access this! If your child has misplaced their login, please let me know.
- TT Rockstars – please ensure your child is accessing this regularly at home too, it is extremely important that they regularly practice and apply their multiplication and division knowledge.
- Remember to read every night with your child and sign their diary too!

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions about your child's learning or progress, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

Mrs Boardley