

St. Swithun's: Year 5/6 Curriculum Map – Spring Term - Rainforests

Major outcomes for the topic: Kensuke Flashback Story Multimedia Collage

English

Reading and Writing

In literacy we will be reading the story Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo and using reading skills to help us understand the characters and their motives. We will be making predictions throughout the book and justifying our answers using evidence from the text. We will then apply what we have learnt and strategies the author has used into diary writing and Newspaper Reports. We will also be writing a flashback story later in the term. As part of this unit we will be learning how to edit and adapt our work as we are writing.

Grammar

We will be using a range of clause structures in our writing and learning about how to create effective expanded noun phrases for detail.

We will also be using brackets, dashes and commas for parenthesis.

Art & Design

During this topic, we will be studying the work of Sci Scott and using this as inspiration for our multi-media drawings.

Computing

We will begin to understand different computer networks including the internet and how these can provide multiple services. We will also learn about the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration around the world.

Mathematics

In maths we will be measuring and identifying a range of different angles. This will include looking at acute, obtuse and reflex angles and learning how to draw and measure angles using a protractor. We will then move onto looking at angles as part of the interior of shapes, around a point and on a straight line. We will also be calculating the circumference and perimeter of circles and learning about the area and perimeter of a variety of shapes.

We will also be finding percentages of amounts and relating percentages to fractions and decimals. During our Mental Maths we will be learning different strategies to solve calculations involving multiplication and division.

Design & Technology

In DT we will be designing a wooden raft to escape the island! We will measure, cut and join dowel and spa then test our boats and see if they will survive a sea journey.

Geography

In geography we will be studying climate zones around the world. We will use maps, atlases and pictures to find out what the Amazon rainforest is like. We will find out what makes the rainforest important to the world and why we need to preserve it.

Modern Languages

Pupils are learning to ask and answer questions about rides at a theme park in French. They will gain confidence in manipulating numbers up to 100. They will also take part in simple role plays and use dictionaries to explore new vocabulary. They will describe a visit to a theme park, and say what they thought about the rides using the past tense.

Languages

Music

We will be playing, singing and composing music related to the rainforest, particularly considering the layers, textures and timbres used. We will also be compiling our own lists of 'Desert Island Discs'.

Exciting beginnings / events/ theme days/ trips / visitors

Marwell Zoo Trip

Text, videos, music, pictures to ensure experiences of rich and varied literary heritage

Michael Morpurgo – Kensuke's Kingdom

PSHE / British Values

PSHE will focus on the concept of well-being and how to live well. We will also be looking at positive role models and reflect upon our own achievements.

Science

During Science we will be learning about how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals.

History

Geography focus for this term.

Physical Education

In PE we will be rehearsing our dance skills and learning some traditional dances before making our own. In games we will be developing our racket skills and learning about different net games.

Education

Religious Education

During Lent we will look at repentance and how St Paul's letters teach us to live our lives. We will then learn about the events of Holy Week. We will focus on the story of Jesus throwing the market sellers from the temple.