

# Curriculum Overview for Year 4 - Summer Term 2017

We hope that you had a fantastic Easter and had a restful break. All of the team in Year 4 are looking forward to a great term where the children will continue to extend their skills and learning through our topic on the Rainforests. We hope that you will continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home and discuss the books along with supporting your child in learning times tables and completing homework set. We still request that the Home School Diary be signed at least 3 times a week indicating that you have read/discussed with your child and this should come to school EVERY DAY. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to speak to us any day after school.

## Literacy

**SPEAKING and LISTENING:** Discussions will be based around our topic of 'Saving the Rainforests', specifically looking at deforestation and its impact. The children will develop their confidence in active listening and contributing in class, including drama.



**READING:** The children will take part a group reading once a week with an adult as well reading in Literacy lessons to further their understanding. Genres will include fiction, non-fiction and poetry (including performance poetry)

**WRITING:** To tie in with our Rainforest topic, we will be using Michael Morpurgo's book 'Running Wild'. Using this book, the children will write in a variety of genres, including narrative, non-chronological reports, diary entries and letters. Grammar and spelling objectives will continue to be a focus during the term in all our lessons.

## Numeracy

The New Curriculum will be used to extend children's knowledge, understanding and application in these areas:

**NUMBER:** Times table knowledge continues to be a key feature in the understanding of Maths. The children will continue to develop their skills in the four operations to calculate a variety of problems. We will continue to work on fractions, their decimal equivalents and calculating fractions of quantities.

**MEASURES:** Children will continue to use a different units of measure to solve problems including weight, capacity and length. They will learn to convert these using fractions and decimals.

**GEOMETRY:** The children will continue to investigate 2D and 3D shapes and their properties along with further work on lines of symmetry.

**STATISTICS:** The children will present data using appropriate graphical methods along with solving problems using the data.

## Science

**Living things and their habitats:** Through the topic work, the children will be learning how to classify living things in a variety of ways.

**Sounds:** The children will explore and identify the way sound is made through vibration.

## Information Technology

The children will become more adept at using PowerPoint, using animations and creating hyper-links to appropriate websites. There will also be opportunities to use the internet for research purposes.



## History & Geography

Our topic for this term focuses on 'Saving the Rainforest.' The children will be learning about what a rainforest is, about plants and animals that live there, the impact of human activity and deforestation and looking to the future for the conservation of the rainforest.

## Religious Education

**The Kingdom of God:** Using the new 'Understanding Christianity' materials, we will be exploring what is meant by the concept of God's Kingdom.

In the second half term, we will enjoy a Faith Day on the theme of 'Spirituality'.



## Art

**Warhol and the Pop Art Movement:** The children will be learning about Warhol and the Pop Art Movement. They will look at what popular culture was like at the time, as well as exploring the biographical details of Warhol's life.



**Investigating Patterns:** Here, the children will explore, create and manipulate a variety of different kinds of patterns. Starting with patterns found at home and in the environment, they will study how shapes can be rotated and reflected to create interesting patterns. They will also create patterns using stencils and printing.

## Music

The children will have the fantastic opportunity to use ukuleles in our music lessons, learning how to play basic notes and tunes.



## French



The children will be continuing to communicate with one another following the programme Rigolo.

## Personal Social and Health Education

**Growth Mindset:** We will be re-focussing on developing the children's skills in this area, looking at the ability to persevere.

**Sex and Relationships** We will be looking at how the body changes, about hygiene and we will learn how babies are made.

## Physical Education

**Athletics:** The children will be enjoying activities on the field, including running, jumping and throwing.

Dan

**Swimming:** Swimming will take place on a Thursday morning at Warwick School. The last swimming session will take place the Thursday after the half-term holiday.

**Gymnastics:** The children will have Dan Partridge from Warwick School teaching them gymnastics.

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