Information for Parents Summer Term 2022

Saturn Class Rainforests



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Summer Term. In Saturn we are guaranteed a hot and sunny summer, as we embark upon our study of tropical rainforests - and in particular the Amazon Rainforest!

Topic: In this Geography based topic, we'll not only learn about how to use maps and atlases to discover the position of the continents and key countries, but investigate the structure of the rainforest biome and the impact humans (both indigenous and western) have had on the environment over the years. We'll be building jungles, tasting foods and comparing our lives to those of the Kayapo tribe. Put on your seatbelts!

English: There is quite an emphasis on ensuring our understanding of grammar as well as non-fiction texts this term. We will use chronological and non-chronological reports to write about South America and its peoples, write persuasive brochures to encourage us to be more environmentally friendly and finally enjoy some folk tales from South America, using them to put on our own re-tellings of these tales!

Maths: This term we will be continuing to consolidate our knowledge in areas of number, shape, fractions and data handling. This will include a lot of work analysing data, linked to our rainforest topic. Once more, can I re-iterate the importance of times tables. We will be having tables challenges every week, where the children can show their improvement over the school year.

Science: Science this term is certainly a game of 2 halves: During the first term we will be studying plants. We will be exploring why plants die and what they need to survive. The second half of the term will be all about liquids, solids and gases, including an in depth study of the water cycle and its relevance in the Amazon.

ICT: This term we will be looking at coding learning a variety of different aspects such as learning how to code our own names. We will also be looking at looping and repetition in games.

Art: We will be looking at the art of Margaret Mee, and then using her influence to produce our own botanic art. We will then move onto the bold colours of Inca art, developing our skill with their patterns and techniques.

Music: This term we will be learning our piece Old MacDonald on the recorder. Music lessons will take place every Friday so please make sure your recorder is in your tray!

PE: We will be continuing to work on our general fitness through circuits and the ever-popular bleep test, while also focussing on athletics, extending our skills in running, jumping and throwing. Indoors, we will be preparing for our part in the dance festival. We will also be working on our track & field activities ready for Sports Day.

Many thanks for your support; please do not hesitate to contact Me if you have any queries. Miss Santinelli