

Jungle is Massive: Where the Wild Things Are

Year 4, Term 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 6. We hope you all enjoyed a lovely break and are ready to dive into our last topic of the year, focusing on the rainforests of the world. We will be covering a wide range of topics and our work will include exploring:

- Different world climate zones and vegetation belts, particularly tropical areas.
- The use of physical and political maps to look at continents, time zones and rainforests.
- The use of geographical vocabulary – longitude, latitude, Equator, tropics and hemispheres.
- How animals are adapted to their habitats and their position within food chains.
- The classification of animals /plants and features of living organisms.
- Our responsibility to look after the earth and its nature.
- Poetry, information texts and persuasive writing.
- How information is collected and presented in different ways, including organising paragraphs.

Maths this term will look at the consolidation of many skills and concepts that we have covered this year including the four operations, 2d, statistics and fractions.

In Art, we will be looking at the work of famous artist Henri Rousseau and also learning how to use the starch resist technique alongside our understanding of colour. RE will see us studying Pentecost and its impact whilst in Computing sessions we will be having great fun learning about stop-motion animation.

Spelling tests: Children should continue to bring their spelling booklets to school each week: on Tuesday for 4HR and Wednesday for 4DH. We will also have regular independent reading sessions so the children need to bring in their reading books daily.

Times Tables: Age-related expectations for children at the end of Year 4 are that they will know all times tables and associated division facts up to 12 x 12. We will continue to work on the different times tables during class time but the support you offer at home is incredibly beneficial. All children have logins for TT Rockstars (please ask for a replacement if this has been misplaced).

Snacks: You may like your child to have a mid morning snack. At Christ Church School, we firmly believe that having a balance and variety of foods and drinks in the diet is important for good health. We therefore welcome “healthy snacks” such as fruit and vegetables and would encourage you not to send your child with snacks that are high in salt, fat or sugar such as chocolate and crisps.

PE: PE will continue to take place on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Please check your child has shorts and a T –shirt (and maybe a hat) for warmer weather and that their trainers still fit them. Please do also help them to ensure they always have the appropriate kit in school.

Key dates

Bristol Zoo Trip: Friday 14th June

Track Races: Monday 17th June

INSET Day: Wednesday 19th June

Sports Day: Friday 21st June

Parent Consultations: Tuesday 25th June and Wednesday 26th June.

Taster Day: Thursday 4th July

4HR Collective Worship: Friday 19th July

As always, we would love to have additional helpers. If you have any spare time please get in touch with your child’s class teacher. Of course, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

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