



# LEARNING, LOVING AND LIVING TOGETHER WITH CHRIST Curriculum Newsletter

Oak, Maple and Horse Chestnut Class - Summer 1 2018

## English

In English, we are going to be using persuasive techniques in order to build up to writing a persuasive letter trying to encourage the end of deforestation. We'll be developing our grammar skills varying clause structures and using prepositions to describe time. Later in the half term, we are going to be using the skills that were developed from this task to produce persuasive television adverts. In order to do this, we'll also be drawing on our knowledge of the rainforest as our class book is 'The Great Kapok Tree'.

In reading we'll be developing our inference skills by questioning and interpreting the actions of the character in the book to understand his feelings.

This term, book change day will continue to be a Tuesday so please make sure your child has their book bag in school each week. New spellings will also be given out on a Tuesday and spelling tests will be on a Monday.

## Maths

This term, we are looking at fractions.

We will be looking at counting and ordering tenths, adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator and problem solving skills through open-ended tasks and real life problems.

This half term, we will also be continuing to embed our knowledge of the times tables we have previously learnt as well as the 3 and 4 times table. At home, please practise these with the corresponding division facts for your child's weekly times table and division test.



## Religious Education

**Year 3** children will be covering the following units:

**Easter:** This unit is designed to help the children realise how the Apostles became aware of the presence of the Risen Christ in these events.

**The Eucharist:** In this topic the children are provided with opportunities to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. They will think about why this is such an important celebration in the life and worship of Catholic Christians .

**Pentecost:** In this unit children learn about the gift of the Holy Spirit and the change it brought to the lives of the Apostles. They will think about the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Sacraments the Church celebrates.

**Year 4** children will be covering the following units:

**Easter:** This unit is designed to help the children realise how the Apostles became aware of the presence of the Risen Christ in these events.

**Pentecost:** In this unit children learn about the gift of the Holy Spirit and the change it brought to the lives of the Apostles. They will think about the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Sacraments the Church celebrates.

## This term's topic is 'The Rainforest'

Our work will be based around the following book 'The Great Kapok Tree' which links to the topic: 'The Rainforest.'

### Science

We will be learning about 'living things and their habitats and developing our understanding of what animals need to live, how to classify them and how the environment has changed through natural and man-made causes

### Geography

We will be using maps in Geography to locate rainforests around the world, the equator, the tropics, northern and southern hemispheres. We will also be looking at the different layers to a rainforest and land use and the impact of deforestation and how we can protect it.

### Art

This term we will be using a variety of techniques to produce a picture from observational drawing to produce line drawings which will become a printed tile for block printing and design for Batik.

### Computing

We will be learning more complex coding skills and will then use these in new applications; building on the children's learning from last year. We will also be looking at e-safety and how to stay safe when online.



### PE

PE for both year 3 classes is on **Monday and Wednesday afternoons.**

**Year 4 PE is Friday afternoon.**

The children **MUST** have outdoor kits as we are covering cricket and athletics. It would be very helpful if they could also have their name written or sewn into the inside of their kits to make it easier for staff when returning lost kit to its owner.

### Music

Maple and Horse Chestnut children will be receiving ukulele lessons throughout the school year. As a result, they will be playing and performing in both solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing the instrument with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.

## HOMEWORK

### English

Please continue to practise your child's spellings and read their book with them at home; this has a significant impact on their learning and development.

Book change day is Tuesday and new spellings will be given out on this day too. Spelling tests will be on a Monday.

### Maths

At home, please continue to practise times tables with the corresponding division facts with your children. We will be focusing on the 4 and 6 times tables this term. My Maths homework will also be set each week on a Monday.

### Topic

Your homework task is linked to our topic: 'The Rainforest' Please create something to share with your peers to teach them more about rainforests. You might create: a fact file about your favourite rainforest animals or research the people who live there. This will be due no later than **18th May 2018.**