



Banana Island School



Term 1 - Upper Key Stage 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to Michaelmas Term for 2020/21 academic year. We are embracing a Whole School Community learning about 'Planet Earth' and so delighted to have you as part of this great team. We hold you in high esteem, always.



THE WIDER WORLD

In **ICT**, we will explore the use and meaning of basic computer programming vocabulary; create a series of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals like, collecting, , analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information.

- We will use Scratch to create a simple stop-motion animation, adding titles,

Our Theme for Michaelmas: 'PLANET EARTH'



OVERVIEW OF COURSES

Literacy

In Literacy, we will keep building on children's Speaking & Listening and Reading & Writing skills by increasing their familiarities with a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and a collection of poetry. Emphasis will be laid on reading and the use of Standard English while speaking and writing.

Term's Project: Making a Journal

The children will make a collection of the poetry/songs, paintings, posters, letters, and photographs of their work on, 'Living on Planet Earth' into a book.

Theme text: 'Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth by Oliver Jeffers

Mathematics

We will be exploring some fundamental topics in mathematics such as number and place value in hundreds of thousands and millions and numbers involving decimals. We will solve numbers and practical problems involving positive and negative numbers. We will dive deeper into geometry and continue to consolidate 12 X 12 Time tables'

SCIENCE

The children will learn all about Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies. We will find out about Earth's rotation and its effect. We will also focus on electricity, force of gravity, simple machine and states of matter.

HISTORY/ GEOGRAPHY

We will study the lives of the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and the Romans; develop knowledge of the Viking invasion and settlement in Britain; understand the Roman Empire's impact on Britain at the time and the legacy it left. We will also consider mountains, rivers and coasts. Discuss the forces that help create and shape these important features, and the effects

Our **PE** lessons will centre on:

- The skills required to develop; flexibility, strength and techniques for control and balancing; Outdoor games, athletics and gymnastics; Dance and Music by creating a dance/drama of an invasion and of a battle in English

In **RE**, the children will

- Describe and make connections between different features of the religions and worldviews.
- Discover more about celebrations, worship, pilgrimages and the rituals which mark important points in life, in order to reflect on their significance.

ARTS AND DESIGN

- Create sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas.
- Improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials.

In **PSHE**, we will build on the school's core values; Lay emphasis on thinking positively and calmly; Learn how to manage difficult emotions; Take responsibility for decisions and form opinion based upon content of discussion that are age-appropriate.