Banana Island School

Year 2/3 Curriculum Newsletter

Happy New Year and welcome to a wonderful term of fun and learning!

PSHE

In PSHE, the children will learn about the destruction of the rainforest and the effect on the indigenous tribes of the rain forest, plants and the world. They will also learn about what we can do to help save our world.

Literacy

This term we will be reading two exciting books – 'The Jungle Book' by Ruyard Kipling and 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. Both books will take us through the exciting world of the rainforests.

Reading: The children will focus on reading for retrieval, making inferences from text, predicting what could happen next and sequencing events in a story. They will also listen to, discuss and express their opinion on a wide range of books.

Writing: Children will continue to learn to plan, draft, evaluate, write and edit newspaper reports, persuasive letters and balanced arguments.

History

We will be looking at the history of the tribes of the Amazon Rain forest and how their local environment and lifestyle have been significantly altered by events that have take place since the 15th century.

Geography

We will delve into the exciting world of the tropical rainforest. The children will learn to locate the equator, the tropics of cancer and Capricorn and the rainforests on the world map. They will learn to find out where the rainforest is located, what the climate is like, the different layers of the rainforest, the lives of the indigenous tribes of the Amazon and the effects deforestation has on our world today.

Art

The children will create a large class collage of the layers of the rainforest. They will also learn about Henri Rousseau's rainforest paintings and make an art piece inspired by him.

Religious Education

In R.E, the children will learn about what it means to be baptised in Christianity. They will learn about Jesus Christ and his teachings, the story and meaning of Easter. They will also learn about the symbols and celebrations in Hinduism.

Maths

In maths, the children will begin to count from 0 in multiples of 2, 4, 5, 10, 50 and 100. Mental calculations in a variety of contexts, including money, measures and statistics

They will measure, compare, add and subtract: lengths and heights. They will measure the perimeter of 2D shapes and Interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables.

Music

Pupils will be taught to listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music, experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the interrelated dimensions of music, and improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the interrelated dimensions of music

Science

The children will learn about the uses of everyday materials. They will then go on to compare the suitability of different everyday materials for different purposes. They will explore how objects made of some everyday materials can change shape and how the recycling process is able to reuse some everyday materials numerous times. Children will learn about new discoveries, which have been made over time with a specific focus on John McAdam.

Computing

Pupils will select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information.

Physical Education
Athletics

Pupils will develop and accurately replicate the skills for modified versions of running for time, jumping and throwing for distance. To recognise that different types of activities require different type of fitness and recognise the effects of activity on the body.