

Rainforest Rangers

Year 3
Autumn 1
2021-2022

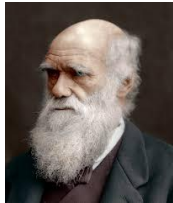


Understanding the World

Geography: Using our Science knowledge, we will explore the woodland area in our school grounds, mapping out habitats and detailing any environmental issues. We will then compare this to the rainforest habitats we have been learning about.

History: We will look at significant figures from the past and present and see how they help us to understand the natural world.

These will include Charles Darwin and Steve Backshall.



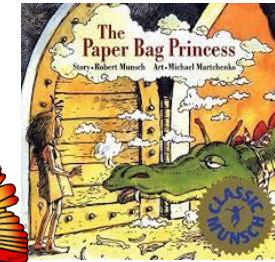
RE: We will be exploring Hindu and Christian festivals, traditions and key events

Spanish: As an introduction to Spanish, we will learn how to say specific Spanish letters/sounds to aid our pronunciation of key vocabulary

Understanding Arts and Culture

Art: We will read and explore 'The fantastic jungles of Henri Rousseau' by Michelle Markel and learn about the life and art of Henri Rousseau. We will learn the techniques of collage and how to create bold images with paper to mimic the rainforests we have been looking at in Geography. His jungle artwork will become our inspiration for our own rainforest collages.

Music: We will explore differences in dynamics, pitch and tempo through the composition of sounds and create a 'stripsody' of a 'walk through the rainforest'.



English

We will begin this year by reading and exploring *The Paper Bag Princess* by Robert Munsch. We will explore the structure, plot and characters of the story before mimicking the writing style and learning new grammatical skills as well as recapping and consolidating Year 2 skills. We will then begin to create our own story based on the original.

Fluency: Fluency sessions will consolidate and 'overlearn' key skills from Key Stage 1 so that they are kept fresh and used correctly throughout all work.

Handwriting: We will have daily handwriting sessions that will teach the children correct letter formation, joins and how to use a pen correctly.



Spellings: We will begin Year 3 by consolidating our phonics knowledge using Monster phonics. We will address any gaps in learning and assess their understanding of High Frequency words too. We will move on to Year 3 Spellings after half term.



Understanding Science and Technology

Science: We will explore how a range of animals, including humans, need healthy diets to thrive in their environments. We will also look at how some animals have skeletons and muscles for protection and movement. We will also look at the function of these features as well as finding out amazing and bizarre ways that animals have adapted to their environments.

DT: We will design a healthy menu for our rainforest adventure and use food preparation techniques and skills to prepare these healthy snacks.

Computing: We will create a food magazine page, using a range of software and skills to show our mouth watering menus, recipes and images of our healthy rainforest picnic snacks.



Maths

Number: We will use a range of manipulatives and models to support the children with place value and their understanding of the number system.

Fluency: During fluency sessions, we will address any gaps in learning from last spring and summer and build on this knowledge to meet Year 3 expectations. These sessions will be quick games and lots of fun for everyone but are vital for the children during this unusual time.

Shape: Towards the end of this half term, we will explore 2D and 3D shapes, rotation and direction.



Times tables: The children will be encouraged to use TTRockstars to build their speed and fluency with their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will begin to learn our 3 and 6 times tables in class and strengthen recall with TTRockstars and other games.



“Learn. Believe. Achieve.”



Our School Values: Resilient, Persistent, Self-Motivated, Risk-Takers, Creative, Good Citizens, Entrepreneurial

Welcome to Year 3!

We are all so excited to welcome you and our lovely new classes to Year 3. We work really hard in Year 3 but also love to have lots of fun and learn through creative activities, games and exploration. We keep our children and parents up to date with homework, spellings and any notifications via Marvellous Me and will post pictures of activities and curriculum details on the Year 3 page on our school website.

Homework: Homework and spellings will be on **Google Classrooms** every Friday. Please note that spellings will start after October Half Term for most children after a Phonics and High frequency Word ‘catch-up’. We will send a Marvellous Me message to you to let you know that homework has been set each week. We will be setting the children up on Google Classrooms for the first few weeks and showing them how to use it. We will also send a parent’s guide out to help you at home in case you haven’t used it before.

IMPORTANT: In the event of COVID isolation or lockdowns, we will use **Google Classrooms** for **ALL** remote learning so it is imperative that the children and adults at home are familiar with it...just in case!

Reading: We ask that children in Year 3 read their books for a short time each night and we will read with the children regularly throughout the week at school. Please don’t forget to write their efforts in their reading record so we can reward them at school for fantastic home reading. As always, please see the Class Teacher if you have any concerns or questions about school and we will be happy to help you.

Mrs Sinclair (Savannah Class and Year Group Leader)
Miss Bass (Rainforest Class)



Miss Wilde (Desert Class)