

### Geography

The children will be exploring the rainforests of the world, understanding how the different layers provide their own ecosystem. We will be making comparisons between life in the rainforest and life in the UK. **There are many interesting and exciting documentaries about the Amazon rainforest available to watch at home. You can also support your child by taking walks into local forests and identifying plants and animals that live there.**

### Art and Design

In DT, the focus will be on sewing and textiles. The children will practise their sewing by learning how to make Christmas tree decorations! **You could help your child practise threading a needle and tying a knot in the thread.**

### French

In French we will be learning the names for different classroom objects as well as how to follow instructions. **You can support your child by encouraging them to use their French at home. You can also download free apps such as Duolingo.**

### Music

We will be learning how to sing in counter melody in preparation for our Christmas concert. **To support your child, encourage them to practise their class song at home.**

### R.E.

In RE we will be looking at the creation story and why Christians believe in it. They will be able to place the events of the 'Big story' on a timeline using the Bible. **You can support your child by discussing other religions creation stories.**

### P.E.

**Indoor P.E.:** The children will be learning how to move their bodies in a rhythmic way, focussing on how they can use the music and rhythm of the Brazilian carnival to create their own sequence of moves.

**Outdoor P.E:** The children will be learning the skills and rules of football.

**You can support your child by practising passing and dribbling with footballs. They can also develop their dance skills at home by creating their own dance routines.**

## Rainforest Rangers!

Year 3, Autumn 2, 2023

### P.S.H.C.E. - Jigsaw

In PSHE, our focus is 'Being me in my World'. We will also look at Remembrance Day and its importance. **You can support your child by discussing the importance of being themselves.**

### Maths

As part of our new look at the maths curriculum, Year 3 will be revising their Place Value knowledge from last half term as well as carrying on with Addition and Subtraction. We will also be introducing Multiplication and Division, and looking at how to work with Money.

We will continue to work on a times table a term as a class in Daily 10 practise, daily mental maths practise. Our times table this term is the 3 times table.

**Please task your children with multiplying amounts and dividing them. This could link well with cooking at home and sharing amounts between different members of the family. You can also encourage your child to help work out the cost of a recipe to help with their money knowledge.**

### Science

In Science our topic will be 'Animals including humans. The children will find out what different animals need to survive, as well as looking at why animals have different skeletons. **You can support your child by thinking about what we need to eat to survive and stay healthy. They could even have a go at designing their own food plan.**

### Computing

In computing, this half term the children will be learning about networks and how to stay safe on the internet. **You can support your child by looking at how they can be safe on the games and internet sites they are accessing. You can also discuss who to go to if they are worried about something online.**

### English

#### Reading

The children will continue to focus on fluency and expression in class - challenging them to show emotions and make use of the punctuation in their text. They will also be encouraged to query new words or parts of a text that are unclear so they learn ways to improve their understanding. **Please read with your child as daily - it can have a huge impact on their progress.**

#### Writing

Year 3 will be learning the story of How To Be a Lion, and using it as an example to write their own stories. We will also be creating information texts on rainforest animals, designing our own information pack for Marwell Zoo. For our final writing journey, the children will be creating Christmas haikus. **Spelling will be a big focus this half term - please ensure your child is practising their spellings regularly and help them to break down sounds by splitting words into syllables so they can spell one part at a time.**