

# Henry Chadwick Primary School

Year 3/4 Newsletter - Spring 1 2024



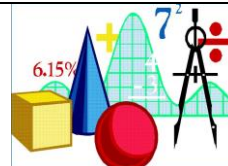
## English:

This half term we are going to focus our English work on 'The Great Kapok Tree'. We will be reading the story which links to Topic where we are learning about Rainforests. We will be writing character and setting descriptions to practice using expanded noun phrases, prepositions and similes. For grammar, the children will be using inverted commas to show direct speech as well as indefinite articles using an and a before a noun.

Spelling - Each week we will learn a spelling pattern which will be linked to a spelling booklet the children will bring home.

## Maths:

In Maths, we are continuing our focus on multiplication and division. We will be using concrete equipment including counters and base 10 (dienes). Year 3 and Year 4 will be taught Numeracy separately this year - Mrs Barnes will be teaching Year 3 and Mrs Thurstance will be teaching Year 4.



## Topic

The children will learn about Rainforests across the world, to understand where they are located on a map and use key terminology like equator, tropics of Capricorn and Cancer. We will be looking at the four layers of the rainforest, the animals that live there and how the rainforest have changed with links to climate change and deforestation.

## Science

We will learn about living things and their habitats which will link into our Topic focus on the Rainforests.



## ICT

In ICT this term we are developing our understanding of how to use Scratch. We will be writing algorithms and using coding blocks to carry out these instructions. The children will debug their algorithms if they are not working properly. Scratch can be accessed for free on the internet at home, where children can practice their skills learnt in class.

## RE

In RE we will be exploring religious stories and teachings about Commitment for Lent. We will look at how and why people prepare for events. We will learn about what beliefs and values affect the way believers live with a focus on Jesus in the Wilderness. We will then look at how commitment affects the lives of believers and how lent is a preparation for Easter, Shrove Tuesday, Fasting and Ash Wednesday.



## PHSE

Our focus for this half term will be 'Me and My safety' Our focus will be on identifying hazards and how we can approach situations safely including road safety. We will also use circle time for friendships and making the right choices.



## P.E:

The PE sessions this half term is field striking and swimming. The field striking unit will look at accuracy of over arm throwing, developing working as a team. Children will be outside for these P.E activities. PE will be on a Thursday afternoon with Mrs Thurstance and Mrs Hall and swimming on a Tuesday afternoon with Mrs Crawley.

## Forest School

Children have forest school on a Monday afternoon with Mrs Williams. Can we make sure children have appropriate kit on a Monday, including wellies and a warm coat as the children go out in all weathers.

## Reading

The children will be bringing home either a banded book or a free reader from the library. We cannot express enough the importance of hearing your children read regularly and asking them questions about the book that they are reading. This builds up a range of skills that are vital to your child's

progress in all areas of the curriculum. The expectation is that children read at home at least three times a week and that this is recorded by an adult in their planners.

**Golden Mile**

Each afternoon we will be going outside to take part in the 'golden mile' by either walking or running. This is not competitive and the children will only do what they can and are comfortable with.

**Homework**

Weekly homework will be set via the school website and sent home on a paper copy. Homework will be set each week on a Monday to be returned on a Friday.

**Communication**

We will continue to inform you of your child's achievements through text messages.

Please remember that the door is always open and if you have any concerns or queries, we will happily meet you at a convenient time to discuss these.

Mrs Thurstance and Mrs Barnes.