

Newsletter: Term 4 2022

We would like to welcome all parents, carers and students back for Term 4. This sees us at the mid-point of the academic year. We have already seen so much growth and development in our students and we look forward to their continuing journey with us. We have a number of exciting trips planned this term in addition to the usual packed curriculum. Please find below information on what children will be learning this term:



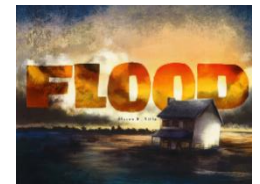
Topic - This term we will be investigating what rainforests are, where they can be found in the world, the four layers of a rainforest and the types of plant and animal life that can be found in each layer. The children will also be finding out what it is like to live in a rainforest and how rainforests are endangered and need protecting.

Music - The children will be listening to and responding to pieces of music, composed by a variety of people from around the world and from different periods of time including Igor Stravinsky - The Firebird suite (1911), Mason Bates - Anthology of Fantastic Zoology and Sibelius - Finlandia.

Communication & Interaction - This term we are continuing to use 'Zones of Regulation' by Leah M. Kuypers to understand why we feel emotions and how we can use physical and mental strategies to manage our emotions. More information will be sent to parents and carers soon. The children will also be developing their ability to listen, turn take, be polite, show kindness and use an appropriate tone and level of voice. They continue to practise these skills in all lessons as well as during discovery sessions and off-site activities such as exploring tree climbing and building dens.



English - The children will be continuing their work on the disaster story 'Flood', then writing their own disaster story. After our trip to the theatre to see 'Gangsta Granny' we will have a week developing a performance of a story. It is also National Book Day on the 3rd of March which we will be celebrating. Children and staff are welcome to dress up as a favourite book character if they would like to. We will finish the term writing information about plants, linked to our science work.



Numeracy - The children will continue developing their understanding of fractions and move on to learning about decimals. The children also have ten minutes daily maths skills practice after lunch.

Science - This term we will be learning about plants. To identify and describe the basic structure of plants, to grow our own plants over the term, to be able to classify different plants and identify the different stages of a plant's life cycle.

Food studies - This term in food studies we will be making a variety of different dishes. These include Fairtrade apple pie, pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday and Brazilian cheese bread, which links to the topic of rainforests. We will also be making soda farl bread to celebrate St Patrick's day and Chinese food tasting as the winter Olympics is currently being held in Beijing.



Computing - Learning to programme using code.org resources. You will be emailed your child's login details so they can continue working through the modules at home if they wish.

Art - The children will be learning the technique of batik and use rainforest animals to inspire an artwork.

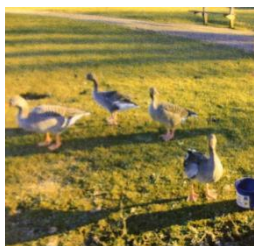


PSHE - The learners will continue with the PSHE topic of Keeping and Staying Safe working on ways to deal with peer pressure and exploring the importance of water safety. The next topic will be basic First Aid. On the **30th Of March**, we will be taking part in our school Race for Life, raising money for Cancer Research, please help us raise money for this worthy cause. All our learners were given a sponsor form at the start of term 3.

Citizenship/RE - Stand up to bullying - how to become an UPSTANDER, exploring four ways to stand up to bullying. Learning about Maha Shivaratri - a Hindu Celebration. Celebrating international women's day. Exploring children's learning about women's achievements. Exploring Children Rights and that with these rights come responsibilities. Learning about International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and what is meant by the term 'racial discrimination'. Understanding what is meant by 'British values' and individual liberties.

PE - The students will be taking part in gymnastics. Please ensure they have a PE kit: black shorts or jogger and a white T-shirt. Trainers will not be needed.

PLEASE can all Moki green bands be returned to school. The learners cannot take part in the challenges when they are left at home. This has led to some disappointed children.



Environmental Science - The children have enjoyed bird watching and identifying our local birds in the school grounds as well as the variety of ducks and geese found in our local parks. This term they will be preparing the raised beds and planting vegetable and flower seeds as well as chitting and planting potatoes and other vegetables.

Finally, a big thank you to Simon Sutcliffe from How Green Nursery Ltd for generously providing soil for our raised beds. We are looking forward to planting! www.howgreennursery.co.uk



Homework

Please listen to your child read and practise times tables/mental maths (adding/subtracting in your head) at home regularly. We welcome feedback and are happy to suggest authors/texts to support your child, likewise we can suggest board and card games to support with maths. All children have active Mathletics accounts. Please let us know if you need the login details again and encourage working towards gaining 1000 points a week (worth 2 tokens). Students can also log in to 'Epic!' to read books between 7am and 3pm on weekdays. The site also has audible books, quizzes and videos. If you would like access at other times this requires a subscription and we could give you a link if interested.

Thank you for your continued support.

The KS2 staff team

Some examples of learning last term

Responses to music:



Last term in food studies we made a super healthy pasta sauce, packed with enough vegetables for your 5 a day. We are also worked on our peeling and chopping skills:



Some examples of our fabulous printing:



Meadows School

In term 3 we had personal fitness which was a great challenge to all the learners with great achievements and rewards, beating their own personal records set at the start of the weekly sessions. Well done for all your perseverance and effort.



Learning a life skill!



Bird Watch 2022 results:

