



Key Stage 2

Sept to Dec 2017

RAINFOREST

Trips and Special Days:

- Tues 26 Sept – Federation Day at Whalton
- w/c 16 Oct – Rugby Festival (tbc)
- Thurs 19 Oct – Harvest Service 11.15am
- Thurs 19 Oct – Family Harvest Lunch 12noon
- Fri 10 Nov – Remembrance Service
- Fri 1 Dec – Christingle Service 4pm
- Tues 12 Dec - Christmas Performance 9.15am
- Wed 13 Dec - Christmas Performance 6pm
- Thurs 14 Dec – Christmas Lunch
- Tues 19 Dec - Northern Stage Visit
- Wed 20 Dec - PTA Coffee Morning
- Wed 20 Dec – Christmas Party (in school)

Topic: We start the term with a fabulous topic entitled 'Rainforest'. Will we be swinging from the trees in the emergent layer or creeping around in the understorey? No doubt there will be things lurking in the dark just ready to pounce, as we don our explorer hats on to delve into various rainforests.

Literacy: We will be exploring the messages in fables and using these in our own rainforest fables; will the hungry harpy eagle come to the monkey's rescue or devour him? We will then move swiftly on to information texts, syllabic poetry and round off the term with stories in familiar settings.

Numeracy: We'll begin the term with consolidating the four maths methods that are used in KS2. Data handling will see us researching the rainfall to compare our monthly statistics to that of the Amazon and we'll be checking out shapes, fractions and measurements, together with our daily boardwork to hone our times tables skill.

Art: Carnivorous plants will be twisted into shape as the unsuspecting insect flies by; metal, paper, glue and paints will be our mediums.

Games: 'Try' will be resounding around Longhorsley as we consolidate our skills at rugby. Cheryl Day will have us twisting and turning for our dance skills and swimming will commence in the second week of September.

Geography: The maps will be out as we identify the many rainforests of the world. We will be researching the many weird and wonderful creatures that live within the different rainforests and find out what the impact of global warming is having on the inhabitants of the various rainforests.

Religious Education: We will be delving into stories from the Old Testament as well as concentrating on the Christmas story.



Reading: please check your child's reading record for this term's reading challenge



Computing: We'll start with a little reminder on E-safety and then move quickly onto researching the internet for some fabulous facts. Learn code will also be on the agenda.



Science: Vibrations will be travelling through the airwaves as we learn about sound and will our animal puppets cast eerie shadows as we learn about light?

Homework: literacy and numeracy homework will be given out on a Wednesday. They need to be handed in by the following Monday. Spellings will be given out with the homework on Wednesday and tested on the following Wednesday.



Language: Pouvez-vous parler français? Days of the week, numbers and colours will be consolidated at the beginning of the term.

Christmas: At the latter end of the term we will be focusing on Christmas in all areas of the curriculum. Play script reading and drama will feature heavily in our Literacy lessons, but we will be finding out traditions, linked to Christmas, around the world. Did you know that in Africa, they eat turkey and Christmas pudding?

Design and Technology: Simple peg chameleons will start the term, but we will move rapidly into mechanical toucan making and pneumatic crocodiles!



Music: We commence the year with a little bit of violin playing; will that bow create a tuneful note?