

English

In English this half-term, we will be looking at both fiction and non-fiction writing based on our Geography topic, the **Rainforest**. Our focus areas are:

- To be able to use a range of descriptive techniques to create a setting based on the rainforest.
- To be able to make a rainforest travel guide for visitors.
- To be able to use expanded noun phrases, similes and metaphors to enhance our descriptions.
- To imagine what life would be like for people living in a rainforest environment.
- To research and debate the causes and impact of deforestation
- To read short stories from Brazil and to write our own story set in the Rainforest.
- To continue to develop our skills in evaluating and editing our own writing .



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Mathematics

In Mathematics this half-term, Year 4 will be looking at **solving problems involving position and direction**, as well as **solving measure and money problems involving fractions and decimals**. This will include:

- Describing positions on a 2D grid as coordinates in the first quadrant.
- Describing movements between positions as translations of a given unit to the left/right and up/down.
- Plotting specified points and drawing sides to complete a given polygon.
- Recognising and writing decimal equivalents of any number of tenths and hundredths .
- Solving problems involving increasingly harder fractions to calculate quantities .
- Converting between different units of measure

Other Curriculum Subjects

- In Science, we will be covering **Animals Including Humans** which involves exploring the human digestive system and teeth. Later in the term, we will be starting our new topic, **Living things and their habitats** which involves classifying and grouping living things in their environment.
- In RE we will be learning about **Creation and God**. Our focus will be on the Genesis account of how the world was made. We will also be considering the experiences and feelings which give rise to questions about meanings and purpose and our personal responses to them.
- We will continue to enjoy our PE lessons from Fulham FC; these will now take place on **Mondays**. We are also glad to continue our swimming lessons on Wednesdays.
- In PSHE, we will discuss **Going for Goals** and how to set and achieve realistic aims.
- In Geography, we will be learning about **Rainforests** . This will include the key features of the environment, habitat, climate and exploring the issue of deforestation.
- In DT, we will design, create and evaluate our own **money boxes**.