**Curriculum for Excellence: First & Second levels**

**What are we learning this term?**  **Term 4 – April-June 2024**

**Context for Learning: The Rainforest Mrs Drennan - Primary 5**

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| **Language and Literacy****Spelling-** Phonemes will continue to be taught through active and written spelling activities. **Literacy-** Our Literacy work will further develop our skills in up-levelling sentences using VCOP. We will also work on using commas and dialogue.**PM writing-** Our writing focus will be EXPOSITION and PERSUASIVE where we will follow a structured approach and create a range of texts.**Spanish**- Vocabulary for the home & nationalities. Short written tasks.**French –** Conversation and weather | **Numeracy and Maths****Number** – divide whole numbers by 10, 100, decimal numbers, multiples & factors.**Fractions –** equal and fractions of quantity.**Money** – continue to develop money sense and calculations.**Symmetry** – identify and illustrate all lines of symmetry on a wide range of 2D shapes and complete symmetrical patterns.**Shape -** describe 2D/3D shapes using specific vocabulary, regular/irregular, show an understanding of 3D shapes and nets | **Health and Wellbeing (HWB)** P.E lessons will be on a Monday and Thursday. The focus is on **ATHLETICS** where we will be working on different techniques for events – running, hurdles, long jump etc. and **Outdoor Summer games eg.** rounders, team games.Participation in Fit Fifteen outdoors and our mindfulness activities will continue this term. Our **Health and Wellbeing focus weeks** are also this term. We will take part in a variety of activities to improve our overall Health and Wellbeing. | **Contexts for Learning**This term we will be exploring – **The Rainforest** - through a variety of activities. Pupils will be investigating the following: Where are the Rainforests, The Rainforest Climate, Layers of the Rainforest, Life in the Rainforest, the Amazon Jungle. There will also be a focus on learningfor Sustainability. We will be participating in more outdoor learning opportunities this term. |
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| **Expressive Arts****Art & Design** – We will explore arange of media to create artwork forour Rainforest topic. Other – we willuse a variety of artists forinspiration.**Music** – We will explore beat andrhythm making with music linked toour topic work. We will learn a song for our school show.**Drama** – We will be exploring a rangeof drama skills through circle gamesand short performance tasks. | **Science and Technology** Our focus for this term is LIVINGTHINGS. We will sort plants and animals into more complex groups. We will also look at some extinct and endangered species. In ICT we will be using search enginesfor topic research. We will continue todevelop our knowledge of CODINGusing the SCRATCH app. We will beinvestigating animation using theipads. | **Homework**Our Homework will be allocated weekly through **SEESAW**. It will be based on Literacy and another chosen topic (HWB, Spanish, French). Pupils will access class homework online using their own passwords. We will continue to use the Maths scrapbooks for family challenges, Homework will be set on a Monday at 3pm and due in by the Friday each week. | **How can you help?*** Gym days are Mondays & Thursdays
* Put names on any school clothing/ lunch boxes.
* Practise times tables.
* Encourage your child to share their learning.
* Find information about topics studied.
* Encourage your child to read.

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