



St. Andrew's Primary

Learning Overview

Mrs Henderson Primary 4



Literacy	Maths
The children will begin reading Stage 4 novels this term and will explore the 6 reading comprehension strategies to deepen their knowledge of the characters, setting and plot. They will be writing imaginative narratives using descriptive sentences to boost their writing potential, with a focus on accurate use of punctuation. They are enjoying the active nature of the Stage 4/5 Spelling programme.	In maths the children are extending their range of numbers, identifying, reading and writing numbers within ten thousand. They are also learning strategies to support them with adding and subtracting more challenging numbers. The children will explore rounding and strategies for mental calculations.
Health & Wellbeing (including PE)	Religious Education
In PE the children are working with Mr Cairns who is developing their striking skills within a games context. They are continuing to develop their multi-cognitive ability; stimulating both sides of the brain simultaneously. The children are being reminded of the importance of safe movement and cooperation within the gym hall setting.	In RE the children are learning about how we can serve God throughout treatment of others. They will explore the work of Charitable organisations including MISSION and SCIAF. The children are also participating in Christian Meditation sessions, deepening their relationship with God through personal prayer.
Science	Social Subjects
The children will be investigating plant growth and what plants need to grow effectively. They will carry out a practical investigation exploring the requirements of successful plant growth, monitoring the variables that can impact effective plant growth.	The children are exploring the Rainforest during which they will learn about animal and plant life, the layers and the importance of the rainforest. They will engage in an exciting homework project demonstrating what they have learned.
Technology	Music
The children will revise safe and effective use of a range of ICT equipment this term. They will make use of PowerPoint to create a presentation in line with their topic and will access appropriate websites to research animals of the rainforest.	The children will begin using ABC music to explore the concept of rhythm and will explore the instruments from the Percussion section of the orchestra.
Drama	Art
Using our topic – The Rainforest – the children will explore the drama conventions of hot-seating, mime, freeze frame and role on the wall to deepen their knowledge of life in the rainforest environment.	The children will be working with Mrs McMichael during term 1, where they will explore primary colours and the colour wheel. Throughout the term they will create art pieces relating to their rainforest topic.
Spanish P1-7	Homework Projects
The children will be revising conversational Spanish with a focus on numbers, days, months and simple greetings.	Homework is distributed on a Monday morning and returned on a Thursday. The children have read and signed a contracting giving them ownership and responsibility for their homework. They receive 3-4 pieces of homework per week usually including Spelling, Reading, Numeracy and one other curricular area e.g. RE, Social Subjects, Technology.

Please find brief details of what your child will be covering in class this term. Take time to ask them about their learning. We know children attain better when a parent or carer at home discusses their learning with them. Like you, we want all our children attaining and achieving to their maximum potential.