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*P5S Spotlight on… Term 4*

**Literacy**

*Writing:* This term we will be focussing on report writing and explanation writing which will be closely linked to our learning context, The Rainforest.

*Reading:* As a class, we will continue to explore the novel ‘Wonder’ by R.J Palacio. The novel looks at a number of topics including; kindness, identity, bullying and friendship. We will also be exploring group novels such as Varjak Paw, One Dog and His Boy, Millions and Chameleon Chaos. The main focus of our reading sessions will be using tools to deepen our understanding and using, and offering alternatives to, more sophisticated vocabulary. Reading homework will be outlined in the homework slips and may include group reading books, appropriate newspaper articles and researching for IDL activities however the main focus this term will be on group reading.

**Numeracy:** Daily number work, CLIC and topical maths

Our main numeracy focus will continue to be taught through CLIC where strategies such as smile multiplication, applicable place value and rounding will be explored. We will be covering a number of mathematical topics including fractions, decimal and percentages where we will be identifying fractions, finding equivalent fractions as well as finding basic percentages of whole numbers. We will also be exploring expressions and equations and will consolidate our knowledge of the four operations by using more complex function machines.

Mrs Houston will be covering patterns and relationships at the beginning of term four. We will look at describing sequences using words, continuing sequences using a given rule and will write the rule to simple sequences. We will then move onto looking at the idea of certainty and chance and will be able to list all possible outcomes of simple events.

**Learning Context:** The Rainforest

We have launched our learning context in which we will be exploring a number of global issues including conservation and pollution. From our little questions, four big questions arose;

* What are food chains?
* What are the layers of the Rainforest and what animals live there?
* Do people live in the Rainforest and, if they do, how do they survive?
* What different plants and trees grow in the Rainforest?

We will be helping contribute towards conservation through our schools excursion to Aberfoyle Forest Lodge where the children will participate in a number of workshops and will each plant a tree within the forest area.

Join us on Monday 21st May at 2.00pm for our *sharing the learning*.

**Health & Wellbeing:** We will be continuing to look at friendships and relationships, puberty and resilience building.

*P.E:* (***Tuesdays*** and ***Thursdays****)*

Athletics

Summer Sports in preparation for sports day at the end of May

**ICT:** Internet research, keyboard skills and Nessy Online. We will also have the opportunity to explore some of the new digital technology equipment recently purchased including chromebooks and coding materials.

**Homework:** Homework will be handed out on a Wednesday and should be handed in the following Tuesday.