

Rainforests

BIG Question

Why should we protect our rainforests?

Welcome back year four! We hope you had a wonderful Easter holiday.

Our half term of learning will be driven by the knowledge we will be acquiring in Geography. Children will learn about the crucial role rainforests play in the global environment. They will relate their new learning back to prior learning on longitude and latitude and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. Pupils will locate rainforests across 5 continents and learn all about the four main layers of different heights. They will develop an understanding of symbiotic relationships and how humans impact on these.



English

In English, the children will learn to write an information text about rainforests.

Their writing will include:

- Varied and rich vocabulary
- Proposed changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences
- Paragraphs to organise information and ideas around a theme

Geography

In Geography, we will:

- Learn how animals and plants have adapted to life in the rainforest
- Learn the benefits rainforests provide the earth with
- The four main layers
- Recognise that people have differing opinions about environmental issues
- Interconnections: Human activity can affect physical features

Vocabulary

The development of vocabulary is important to us at Sacred Heart. Through this enquiry project we will develop the following vocabulary:

Geography

Equator, emergent layer, canopy, understory, undergrowth, continent, deforestation, interdependent, indigenous,

Catholic Life

The Gospel values we will weave into our learning this half term are:

Justice and Humility

Religious Education

Pentecost – Serving
New Life

Each of us, by the way we live our lives, the way we treat others, and by our words and actions, show if we have an attitude of service. We will explore how Christians believe that the Spirit of God is active in each person and, in a special way, in the community of believers, which is the Church.

Learning in other subjects this term will be discrete and not linked to the enquiry project

Maths	Decimals Money
Science	Living Things and Their Habitats
Music	Blackbird (Pop)
Computing	Logo
PE	Athletics and tennis
Art	Sculpture, Structure, Inventiveness & Determination
Latin	Adjectives & agreement
PSHE	Sharing online

Be Safe Be Respectful Be Ready



Reminders

P.E – Monday

Please remember that children should have their PE kits in school.

Children should bring a drink to school every day.

CLASS BOOK



Homework

Weekly Spelling Tests

Weekly Maths worksheet

Daily Reading 15 minutes of AR book.

TT Rockstars- 15 minutes daily

Thank you for taking time to read this newsletter; we hope you have found the information useful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on shaw@shrcps.org

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