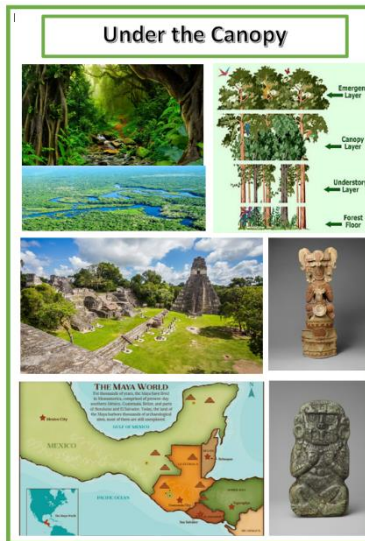


Class 3 Curriculum Update

April 2024

April's Values: Humility and excellence



"Under the Canopy" is a unit, based on the rainforest with a key focus on geography and history. We will be looking at what life was like for the Mayans in their daily life and how they lived in the Amazon Rainforest. We will look deeper at what the rainforest is like and understand the importance of the rainforest within the world's eco system.

The children have already begun to locate the rainforests around the world and understand that they are found near the equator. At Forest School, the children have looked at the forest layers that are similar to the rainforest. They know that rainforests are divided into four layers. Each layer receives a different amount of sunlight and rainfall, so different types of animals and plants are found in each one. The children have also begun learning about the Maya and what the Mayan meaning of some children's names mean. They even found out what their own name means.

In maths, the children have been working with fractions before they move onto money. In art, the children are practising observational drawing of natural materials and practising looking the main shapes, lines, patterns and sketching in proportion.

Thank you to all those that came into the school for parents' evening before Easter. It was great to update you all on your child's progress. In addition, I hope you will be in agreement that the children did a fantastic job for their class assembly. As ever the children come up with what they want to include and it takes a lot to stand up in front of so many people, however old you are. Well done Class 3!



Keep checking out the updated photo gallery on the class page for more photos and Madley TV.

Reminders

Forest School sessions are every other Tuesday, although children need old, warm functional clothing every Tuesday. These can include hats (both winter and summer) and gloves. Children should have their wellies in school at all times.

PE sessions are Wednesday and now Thursdays

Children should come into school in their PE kits. If they have long hair they should have a hairband to tie their hair back and tape to cover their ears if they wear earrings. Children can wear a hat (summer) if we are outside for PE and it is sunny.

Dates for your diary

PGL - Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th May

Friday 7th June curriculum visit to Cheltenham Science Festival

Friday 28th June - Sports Day

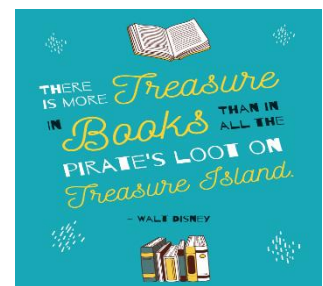


Resilience and determination in action during the class assembly. The children came across so confident in front of over 200 children and parents.



Homework is important for practising, applying and consolidating the learning skills the children develop in school. **Spelling Shed** and **TTRockstars** are the weekly homework. It is expected that the children go on every week. 2/3 games per day, Monday to Friday, is great as little and often is best. We will be practising the time tables in school regularly as well. When they practice on **TT Rockstars** it will automatically follow onto the times tables that the children do not know as well and need to practice.

Reading. The expectation for reading in Year 3 is 15-20 minutes a day to an adult. The children should have their reading record and reading book in every day. When the children are listened to in school, the adults will write in purple pen. When you listen to them at home please write in their reading record, even if it is not a school book. The children continue to work on their comprehension skills weekly, linked to reading vipers. It is their responsibility to change their book and find the right colour band. It is great to see so many children achieve their 40 reads. The children will work on their comprehension skills weekly, linked to reading vipers.



If you have any questions or concerns, please email the office and I will get in touch with you as soon as I can. Mr Freeman and the Year 3 team.