

Picknalls First School

This half term the Year 2 topic will be The Rainforest.

Please help your child to explore this topic.



Geography

We will use Atlases to locate the Oceans and Continents of the world. We will find out about the different climates and look at Rainforest locations.



Art

In Art we will focus on the artist Henri Rousseau and his work, Tiger in a Tropical Storm. Children will use collage and chalks/pastels to reproduce work in his style. We will develop modelling skills in clay, creating rainforest animals.

Music We will study The Carnival of the Animals, using percussion to echo the sounds animals make.



D.T.

For our Moving Vehicles project, we will plan, design and create model vehicles.

Science

We will study the animals of the Rainforest; we will look at the habitat and plants too, and find out more about life cycles.

R.E. and R.H.E

We will look at feelings and emotions. We will learn the story of Christmas and Christmas traditions around the world.

I.C.T. Our topic is The Art of Animation. We will be designing animations that present information. We will use Jit5 Paint to create background frames.

P.E. Dance: linking to animals and the rainforest. Looking at choreographing simple **dances in groups**.

Gymnastics - transferring balances and travel onto apparatus.



English



During this half term we will be reading *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* by Judith Kerr and *Mr Percy's Magic Greenhouse* by Anthea Kemp.

We will focus on the correct use of punctuation, adjectives, similes and conjunctions to make our writing more interesting. We will write our own poems and riddles about rainforest animals.

Phonics and spellings will be taught daily.

Maths



This half term we will be continuing with addition and subtraction before moving into studying Shape. We will learn about fact families within 10 and 20 as well as bonds to 100. We will be adding 3 one digit numbers, adding to the next 10, then adding across 10. We will be learning subtraction methods. In Shape we will be recognising and learning the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, using the vocabulary of faces, edges and vertices.