

Our topic this term is Contrasting Environments. We will be looking at and comparing the Polar Regions and Rainforests of the world. As part of our topic we will be developing our Geography skills, looking at maps and identifying the different environments. We will also be looking at the animals that inhabit these environments. As part of our Rainforest topic, Rainforest Roadshow will be visiting Amblecote.



In science, our topic will be looking at habitats, where children will use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things.

Our PSHE themes will be 'TEAM', where the children will focus on how to work well in a team and why it is important to do so and our second unit will be 'Aiming High'. In this unit children will look at their aspirations for the future and how they will achieve this. The children will continue to look at the importance of British Values, such as democracy, individual liberty and rules within our society.

In R.E. children will find out all about Islam. We will be finding out about special places and festivals within the Islam religion. After half term and in the run up to Christmas, we will be looking at the Nativity story in more detail.

In Art we will be looking at animals in art. This will involve us studying the work of Henri Rousseau and developing our painting skills. We will also be looking at the artist Franz Marc. Our Design Technology project will be looking at electrical systems.

In ICT, coding will form the basis of our Computing curriculum this term. Online Safety will continue to be a focus, please discuss this with your child.

In P.E. lessons children will be looking at Gymnastics and continuing with attacking and defence games of netball and football during our outdoor P.E. session. Swimming lessons will take place for 4P this term, information has been sent out about this. **Children need to come to school in their P.E. uniform on their allocated P.E. days. Black pumps need to be kept in school for P.E. days.**

The children will have weekly music lessons with Mr Foster. They will cover a range of skills and learn songs linked to our topic. In Years 3 and 4 the children will be learning to play the recorder, if they have their own recorder this can be brought in for the lessons which will be on a Tuesday for 3/4S and Wednesday for 3K and 4P.



As our daily class book, we will be enjoying the text 'Tilly and the Time Machine' by Adrian Edmundson. In our Literacy lessons, we will be using a range of short videos and visual prompts to form the basis of our writing lessons. We will also be continuing our SPAG lessons, focusing on the essential skills children need to know in Years 3 and 4 to make their writing wonderful.

We will continue to follow our spelling scheme where children will be taught spelling patterns and rules. The children will have spellings set weekly on Readwriter for them to work on. The children's passwords for this are in their diaries.

Please help your child by:

- Encouraging your child to read from a wide range of materials, both independently and to an adult sign their diary. Children who do not have their diaries signed will be expected to do 10 minutes catch up reading at playtime or lunchtime.
- Discussing their reading to ensure understanding;
- Encouraging them to write for pleasure e.g. stories, diaries, letters, e-mails, get them to check these through for correct punctuation being used.
- Please encourage your child to read and research all about the Arctic & the Rainforest.
- Supporting your child with their Reading Champions.



In Maths we will be covering all areas of the curriculum following the White Rose Maths Scheme.

Please continue to help your child by:

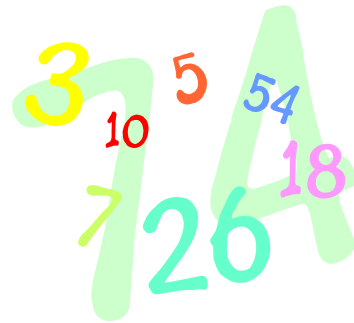
- Encouraging them to practise their tables. By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12×12 . All children have a TTRockstars log in and password. Maths teachers will set weekly sessions on this for the children to complete at home.
- Taking opportunities to use and apply maths in everyday situations e.g. cooking, shopping, telling the time.
- Playing cards and board games which use number, time or money etc.

Children will have Maths homework set on MyMaths each week. The children's password for this is in their diaries. When logging on initially, the children will need to use:

username: amblecote

Password: square246

Then their individual passwords.



As always if you need to contact us or have any questions, please use the class emails or contact us via ClassDojo:

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34S@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk

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Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

Miss Skirving, Mr Kendrick & Mr Pitts



Year 3 & 4

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