

Year 4—Our Changing World

Literacy

Using the inspiring text 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry, children will be creating their own moral story which will then be made into an iMovie using the school iPads. Children will be looking at key grammatical skills shown within the text and will have the opportunity to replicate these within their own work. As part of our class assembly we will also be looking closely at play scripts and how they differ from a narrative. In the second part of the term children will use develop their understanding of script writing and, with the Blue Planet as inspiration, will produce their own documentary.

Maths

We are continuing to enhance our knowledge of place value by investigating money using both skills of addition and subtraction, looking at decimals and relating them to fractions and finding equivalent fractions.

Children will be exploring time as a unit of measure as well as cm and mm and looking at area and perimeter.

We are persistently learning our times tables with a focus on our 6, 7, 8 and 9 times tables. This will enhance our learning of formal multiplication and division methods.



Science

During the spring term children will be exploring two sections of science which both relate to Animals and Living Things. The first section looks at animals and their habitats, which will be strongly supported by our trip to The Gilbert White Field Studies Centre, and the second looks more closely at conservation and how we can look after our planet.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 2nd February—

Class Assembly

Thursday 8th February—

Cake Sale

Thursday 16th March—

Sleepover at Gilbert White
Field Studies Centre

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Geography

This term we are looking at rivers. This will be heavily supported by our river study day at The Gilbert White Field Studies centre where children will have the opportunity to explore the Selbourne River and find out about flow, transportation, deposition and current.

Children will understand the water cycle and be able to link together ideas of how rivers are formed, how they change and why they flood.

We will be looking at rivers around the world with an emphasis on the Amazon River.



RE

Children will be discovering the Sikh celebration of Baisakhi. They will be looking at the Sikh religion and why Baisakhi is an important part of their faith.

D&T

As a finale to our topic, Green class will be exhibiting their 'Recycled Apparels'.

Children will be designing and creating a piece of clothing or accessory made entirely out of recycled plastic.

Any donations of clean plastics can be handed in after half term.

Art

Green class are studying the works of Henri Rousseau.

They will be sketching and recreating some of his most famous works as well as adopting his style of painting.

The children will be creating 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm' using recyclable materials to form a collage.

Any old magazines or newspapers would be gratefully received.