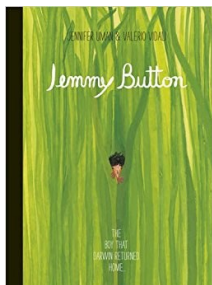


Curriculum News

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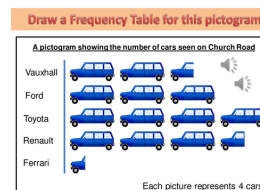
English:

In English we are reading a book called *Jemmy Button—The Boy That Darwin Returned Home*. We will be using this to write a diary entry, letter and newspaper report. We will also be developing our inference and prediction skills when reading this book.



Maths:

In Maths, we will be focussing on Geometry and Statistics. We will be revisiting what we learnt about shape in the Autumn term including properties of shapes, lines of symmetry and parallel and perpendicular lines. We will also be interpreting and presenting data in different ways for example, pictograms, bar charts etc.



Reading:

Children need to read for 20 minutes every day. Each day they need to write a short summary of what they have read in their reading record.

In your child's reading record, there are suggestions for questions you can ask them to check their understanding.

Reading at home should be enjoyable, so please encourage your child to read newspapers, recipes, websites and library books, as well as the book they bring home from school.

Our **Topic** for this term is Rainforests. We will be using maps to locate rainforests around the world, learning about the climate and vegetation and thinking about issues affecting the rainforest including deforestation.

In **Science** we will be focusing on Living Things and their Habitats. We will be learning the characteristics of living things and using these to group and classify animals and plants. We will learn about how animals and plants are suited to their habitats, linking to our Rainforest topic.

In **P.E** our unit of work is 'striking and fielding' in Cricket. We will be learning to catch the moving ball, strike the ball confidently and bowl the ball accurately in a straight line. We will then be learning the basic tactics for the game including fielding and anticipating where the ball is going to go.

Diary dates

27/4/17: Parents Workshop: Fizzy Drinks

4/5/17: Peddle My Wheels workshops

5/5/17: Bike it U Can course starts

8/5/17: SATs Week for Year 6

17/5/17: Maple Class Assembly

18/5/17: EATWELL parents workshop

24/5/17: Mulberry Class Assembly

26/5/17: INSET Day—
school closed to pupils

SEAL/PSHCE: This term we will be thinking about our relationships with our family and friends.

Computing: This term we are learning how to write emails and add attachments. We will also be learning about reliable websites to use for research and how to summarise the information we find.

Homework:

Your child has a Times Table booklet with ideas for how to practise their times tables. Children should practise their times tables and division facts every day.

Homework will be set on a Friday and needs to be returned on the following Wednesday, unless otherwise stated. Some homework will be maths/grammar practise, whereas other weeks it will be a research project.

If you have any questions about your child's learning please feel free to discuss this with your child's class teacher.