

Lions Class

Term 1 Newsletter

A warm welcome to our new Year 6s! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are ready for an exciting first term exploring Brazil and the Amazon rainforest.

In English, Katherine Rundell's The Explorer will inspire our writing as we explore how authors create vivid settings and build tension. We will 'magpie' exciting vocabulary and techniques before creating our own adventure narratives.

Reading will be a big focus this year. Alongside enjoying The Explorer, we will develop fluency, vocabulary and confidence discussing books.

Fridays will be time to enjoy books of their own choice. Please encourage regular reading at home too – reading for enjoyment and chatting about books is incredibly valuable.

In maths, we will begin with place value, reading, writing and representing numbers up to 10 million, before comparing, ordering and rounding numbers and exploring negative numbers.

Our science topic is Evolution and Inheritance. We will explore fossils, inheritance and variation, and discover how plants and animals adapt and evolve over time.

In RE, our key question is 'Creation and Science: Conflicting or Complementary?' We will explore different Christian views about creation and consider how scientific ideas about evolution can fit alongside religious belief.

In geography, we will journey to Brazil, exploring its climate, human and physical features and diverse ecosystems. We will investigate life in Rio de Janeiro, Indigenous Amazon communities and the impact of deforestation.

In art, we will study the expressive botanical artwork of Jim Dine. Children will develop observational drawing skills and experiment with charcoal, pastel, colour, texture and composition before creating their own expressive artwork inspired by a Brazilian plant.

PE days are Monday and Friday this term. Please ensure PE kits are worn to school on these days.