

# FRIZINGHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Our new theme is If you go down to the woods today! This theme will last us until the end of the year and covers several subjects and is full of great activities and experiences.

In science, we will be learning about living things in their habitats and properties and changes of materials linked to both local plants and animals and the plants and animals of the South American Rainforest. We will also look at the human life cycle and will describe the changes as humans develop to old age. (In PHSE, we will think about the changes that take place during puberty.) We will focus on the scientific skills of recording data and results and reporting the findings from our enquiries.

In geography, we will be developing our location and place knowledge focusing on the countries of South America. We will compare a region of South America with a region of the UK – Settle. We will look at the climate, water sources and vegetation as well as land use and natural resources in the areas. We hope to hone our geographical skills using maps, atlases and digital mapping. We will look at the eight points of the compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and keys. On our rivers and woods visits, we will use fieldwork to observe, measure and record features in the local area using sketch maps, plans and digital technologies.

Our oracy work will focus on asking relevant questions to extend our understanding and knowledge as well as using relevant strategies to build upon vocabulary. We will learn to articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinion by giving well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings (Language of argument, description and comparison).

Our activity passport events for this theme are a woods and river visit, making a model using origami, finger knitting a butterfly, learning to press flowers, using an OS map and making a large-scale model. We will also use Now Press Play to immerse ourselves in a rainforests and recycling story.

In English, we will be writing a poem based on The Eagle by Alfred, Lord Tennyson, an adventure story and a balanced argument in the form of a letter. We will be reading I Escaped - Amazon River Pirates.

In Design Technology, we will be preparing and cooking a dish from South America. We will continue our work using the Charanga Music Scheme and playing our ukuleles. In art, we will be sculpting clay flowers using our carving skills.

In RE, we will be answering the question, 'What do Christians believe about the old and new covenants?'

PHSE work will focus on 'Being my best' and 'Growing and changing', and online safety work (Health, well-being and Lifestyle, Privacy and Security, Copyright and Ownership). In computing lessons, we will complete our coding work using the Micro:bits before moving on to look at spreadsheets and databases.



Swimming lessons will continue for the boys and we will also look at athletics and rounders.

Finally, in French, we will be focusing on food as well as revising previous learning.

Helping at home:

As well as ensuring that your child completes their weekly homework, Purple Mash and TT Rocks activities, you could:

- Research space and space travel on the internet or at the library.
- Use Purple Mash to explore plants and animals.
- Why not take a look at the following websites:
- <https://www.rainforestconcern.org>
- <https://wildernessclassroom.org/>
- <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/rainforest/353695>
- <https://www.visitsettle.co.uk/>
- If you would like to find out about online safety, please see the Parent Partnership Team for details of courses, guides and webinars available for parents.
- There are lots of fun French songs online – I am sure that you would enjoy singing these at home.
- Why not take a walk and take some photos of local woods, rivers and canals – hopefully the weather will be good!
- Another great place to visit is Settle and you can get there on the train from Frizinghall.

If you having any questions or would like to help with this theme, please call in to see us.

We are collecting rolls for our models and wool for finger knitting!

Regards

Mr Hindle and Mrs. Nore

