

## English (Reading and writing):

### Text drivers/books to share

The Hidden Forrest - Jeannie Baker  
The Vanishing rainforest - Richard Platt  
Rainforest - DK-Eye wonder

### Reading

Year 2 and 3 will continue to develop their understanding of the key components of words through daily phonics lessons and practice their reading fluency via designated guided reading lessons. Please visit your child's Oxford Owl account for daily Read Write Inc phonics homework and access to the e-library for additional reading.

### Writing

Year 2 and 3's writing will focus predominantly on their non-fiction writing during this half term as we explore the rainforests and our environment. We will look forward to writing a first person recount, persuasive letter and create an informative flip book about the layers of the rainforest

## Physical Education:

In PE, Year 2 and 3 will be focusing on striking games and use of equipment to make contact with another piece of sporting equipment.

During this half term, the children will develop their hand - eye coordination through the sporting context of cricket. They will learn how to strike the ball consistently using a bat as well as developing the two handed catching and over arm throwing techniques.

## Religious Education: Christianity

This half term, Year 2 and 3 will focus on the religions of Christianity and Hinduism. In these units, we will look at the faiths in general, how they identify and specify 'God/s.' Both religions have deities, but identify them and their powers in different ways. The children will explore and evaluate this.

## DISCOVER: (Curriculum support)

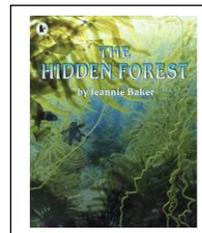
### History:

Year 2 and 3 will be looking at how the Isle of Wight has changed through recent history. The children will also look at how the transport links on the island have developed over the previous decades.

## CREATE: (Curriculum Support)

**Art/ DT:** For this half term, Year 2 and 3 will focus on observational sketching, shading and creating a shadow. The observational drawings will be linked to our termly topic of "Our environmental Island," meaning we will explore and produce observational sketches of landscapes, wildlife and nature. Using different mediums and pencil softness will enable the children to develop an understanding and sense of application for texture within their work.

**Music:** Year 2 and 3 will look at How music can have an impact on our mood. This topic will explore different genres of music, how and why they portray messages and the reason they appeal to people's senses. In addition, we will continue to learn rhythm, beats and notes through the implementation and practice on glockenspiels.



## The Needles Class Years 2/3



Our  
environmental  
Island

## Modern Foreign Languages:

*In French we will be learning to ask and answer questions about our age and where we live. We will be finding out about the landmarks in some of the UK capital cities and using Speaking Frames to talk about each city.*

## PSHE:

Year 2 and 3 will be focusing on the topics of "Caring for the environment," "Feelings and emotions" and "Growing and changing." Within these topics, the children will look to develop their understanding and self-awareness of key and topical concepts of environmental care, recycling, understanding and reading other's emotions, self-regulation techniques and physical changes to our bodies. All PSHE lessons are taught through the SCARF programme of study, so deliver each topic to each age range meaning concepts are explained through relevant and known vocabulary choices.

## Mathematics:

In mathematics, Year 2 and 3 will be working on the following domains:

Measure (mass and capacity), Number and place value, addition and subtraction, geometry, multiplication and division and statistics

In addition to tackling these National Curriculum objectives, the children will be challenged to apply the newly taught skills through challenges and problem-solving activities and mathematical investigations.

We continually practise the children's number bonds to 10 and 20 as well as their times tables within school. Please visit your child's Times Tables Rock stars account to continue this support at home.

## STEM

**Science:** This half term, the class will focus on the topics of "Animals including humans," "Living things and their habitats" and "Forces and magnets." The children will investigate subjects from within the afore mentioned topics by exploring the different bone structure of animals inc humans, classification and diets of animals, the structural habitat and local environment of different animals and finally the different types of magnets and the forces the produce.

In addition, Year 2 and 3 will conduct experiments to support and guide their learning. This hands on approach to science will support the children's learning and vocabulary acquisition and understanding.

**Computing:** This half term, the topic focus in ICT will be Programming and recapping the basic functional skills when using laptops. During this very exciting topic, the children will identify devices and objects which need programming, why programming is important, how to accurately programme and finally, how to problem solve when a programme doesn't create the desired outcome.

## EXPLORE: (Curriculum support)

### Geography:

This term, Year 2 and 3 will be developing their understanding of 'place knowledge,' 'locational geography,' 'human and physical geography' and 'field work' as they understand how the Isle of Wight is located within our country, continent and world. Furthermore, the children will be exploring how the Island is made up of rural and urban areas, how it compares to another European island, which human and physical features we can find locally and where our rivers lead to.