



Darell Primary School	Date: Nov 10 Autumn term	Year 3/4	Half Term Curriculum Letter
<p>Topic</p> <p>We will be continuing to learn about Peru and the Rainforests.</p> <p>The children will learn about the locations of rainforests around the world and understand their structure. We will use atlases, globes and maps. We will also be identifying food webs in the rainforest.</p> <p>The children will use secondary sources of information and appropriate geographical language to look at products of the rainforests; discuss the destruction of the rainforests and how rainforests can be saved.</p> <p>Dates for your diary</p> <p>Arts week- 7th November.</p> <p>Parents' evening- Week beginning 21st November.</p> <p>Last day of term- 20th December.</p>	<p>Literacy</p> <p><u>Text Level</u></p> <p>Recounts: We will be using the text Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson; the children will be writing their own newspaper reports and learning about the features of a recount. This text continues to relate to our topic work.</p> <p>The children will continue to compare and discuss the differences between Maia's experiences in England to those in the Rainforest and the issues and dilemmas she faces through the story. We will also be taking part in a drama workshop linked to the dialogue in Journey to the River Sea.</p> <p><u>Sentence Level</u></p> <p>We will continue to look at word order, sentence construction and verbs and tenses. In addition investigate the use of connectives.</p> <p><u>Word Level</u></p> <p>We will be revising common spellings and in our phonics session we will be looking at spelling patterns and rules. Spellings are given out on Friday and are due back on Wednesday. Spelling tests take place weekly. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings for a few minutes every night.</p>	<p>Numeracy</p> <p>Children work in set Numeracy groups. Over the term they will cover: Mental calculations, properties of number, understanding multiplying and dividing, money, real life problems, fractions, time and handling data.</p> <p>The children will take part in a weekly mental maths test and tables test. Tables will be given out on Friday.</p> <p>Other areas of the curriculum</p> <p>Science: Keeping Warm.</p> <p>Art/DT: Printing Techniques.</p> <p>Games: Football/Rugby.</p> <p>PE: Dance.</p> <p>ICT: Modelling effects of changes on screen</p> <p>RE: Important times and days- Christmas and peace.</p> <p>Music: Instruments and singing, some topic related.</p> <p>French: Vocabulary, conversations.</p> <p>PSHE: Getting On and Falling Out.</p>	<p>What you can do to help your child</p> <p>Thank you for supporting children with their homework. If you wish to talk to me at any time I am in the playground before and after school.</p> <p>Just a reminder I give out All homework on Friday and it is due back the following Wednesday. All homework given relates to work done in the classroom. We do PE on Wednesday and Games on Fridays so children will need their PE kits on these days.</p> <p>Please continue to support your child with their homework and spellings. Also encourage your child to read at home for around 10 minutes every evening and write a comment in their reading record.</p> <p>Please remember to sign up for parents evening.</p> <p>Bella Rustage Class teacher</p> <p>Headteacher</p>