

**SCIENCE**

Linking with our topic work, we will be learning about the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. We will also be looking at how animals and plants reproduce.

**ENGLISH**

We will start the year learning about the life of Vincent Van Gogh, our class artist. The children will write biographies about him.

Following that, we will be using our class text, 'Running Wild' by Michael Morpurgo, to support our learning. We will be writing recounts in role; developing our descriptions using expanded noun phrases; seeing how we can include relative clauses and parenthesis in our writing; and writing some non-fiction pieces on deforestation and the use of palm oil.

**MATHEMATICS**

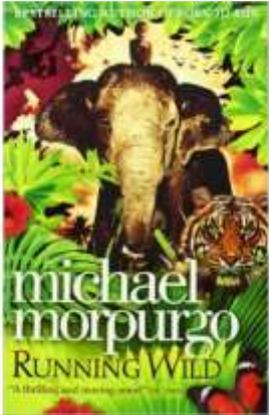
We will start this term with a focus on place value. We will be comparing and ordering larger numbers up to 10 million, rounding them and looking at how negative numbers work.

We will then move on to looking at the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) and the relationships between them.

**HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY**

We will be focussing on geography this term looking at the features of the rainforest including location, climate, weather and the four different layers. We will also be looking at deforestation and how human behaviour can impact animals and the environment.

**St. Michael's CE Primary School  
Curriculum Overview  
Autumn Term 1 2018  
Van Gogh Class, Year 5/6  
Class teacher: Miss James  
Running Wild**



**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Please ensure your child reads regularly at home and regularly logs on to the online tools we have purchased to support them in their learning outside school (MyMaths and Spelling Shed). Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due in on Tuesdays.

**ENRICHMENT**

This term we would like to organise a visit to Wakehurst Place, Kew's botanic garden in Sussex. More details to follow.

**COMPUTING**

The children will be using the computers in line with our SMART code to complete research work.

**PE / GAMES**

PE will be taught on Mondays and Thursdays. Please could you ensure that PE kits are in school daily. Our areas of

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

In RE we will be learning about **Judaism**. In particular, we will be learning about the festivals of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Hanukah, Passover and the significance of the Menorah.

**ART**

We will start the year learning about Vincent Van Gogh, our class artist. In addition, we will also be producing a piece of art to submit for the Stormont Award. This year the theme is 'Jungle'.

