

Welcome back

During the next half term, we will begin our topic on the Rainforest. We will learn about the geographical features of Rainforests and the animals, plants and people who live there. We will consider different points of view about their uses. Many of our lessons across the Curriculum will be linked to this topic.

We hope you all enjoy the learning journey in this busy half term!

Mrs Doe and Mr Clyne

Dates for your diary

Book share: Friday 3rd March 9-10 am

Parents' Evenings: Monday 6th March and Thursday 9th March

Homework

The children will bring home their Spring 2 grid to work from. In addition weekly Maths homework will be handed out on Fridays to be returned by the following Thursday. A weekly spellings test will be set each Monday. Please also encourage your child to read regularly and to update their reading record 4 times each week. Ongoing practise at home with times tables is also very important.

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's learning at home.

English

This half term we will be writing short stories based on our class book: Explorer. We will be learning about writing effective beginnings and developing suspense. We will move on to consider the structure and features of persuasive writing, writing our own piece based on whether the Rainforest should be protected. Grammar will be taught once a week separately, and consolidated in our reading and writing.

In addition to this, children will be reading in groups and as a whole class. They will also be encouraged to use the library.



Under the Canopy

Maths

This half term we begin with multiplication and division, focussing on written calculations. We will then move to work with fractions and decimals, learning how to calculate with them as well as learning about the links between them. Practise of mental maths, including times tables, will continue throughout the half term. If your child is not yet confident with times tables, please encourage them to practise as they are the foundation for so much of our maths work.

Science

This half term we will be learning about the lifecycles of different animals and comparing the lifecycles of different types of animals. We shall be using ICT skills for research and asking scientific questions in order to develop our own investigations.

Art & Design Technology

This half term we will look at the work of Henri Rousseau. We will use printing and drawing techniques to create our own work inspired by his paintings.

Music and Spanish We will listen to music related to our topic and experiment with samba sounds and compositions.

This term the children will have a weekly Spanish lesson with Mr Stirling. They will be learning basic vocabulary and how to read, write and say simple sentences.

Computing

This half term we will be developing our coding skills using Purple Mash. We shall also be using Excel to create graphs for data in Geography & Science.

PE Indoor PE (dance and gymnastics) will take place on Monday afternoons this term.

Outdoor games will take place on Thursdays. Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school for these days

RE and PSHE

This term, we will focus on Islam, thinking about what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today. PSHE, in line with our whole school ownership value, will consider taking risks, discrimination and challenging stereotypes.