

JUNGLE ADVENTURES!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very much looking forward to another extremely busy, but exciting term ahead with your children. Our theme for the Spring Term will be 'Jungle Adventures' and the children will be exploring the life in Rainforests around the world, but with a focus on the amazing Amazon. We have linked every area of our learning to our topic, and the children have already begun to think about what they would like to learn over the course of the term ahead.

Homework will continue to be set weekly on Fridays and will be due in the following Friday.

Main Activities and outcomes	How can you help at home/ useful info and support
<p>English - In English the children will be learning about suspense stories, explanation texts, writing letters of complaint, writing balanced arguments, participating in oral debates, creating newspaper reports, recounts, and composing poetry.</p>	<p>We will be starting the term looking at narrative story writing, specifically 'chiller' stories! Your children could explore some mystery and suspense stories at home.</p> <p>Please continue to encourage your child to read independently at home as often as possible, it really does help to develop all aspects of their learning.</p> <p>Remember to engage regularly in SPAG practice: http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english</p>

<p><u>Maths</u></p> <p>In maths we will be developing our mathematical skills in real life contexts. We will be trying to use our Topic to lend itself to support our learning in specific areas of maths- e.g. ratio and proportion, geometry, statistics etc.</p>	<p>Can your children show you how they have been able to apply their mathematical knowledge into real-life situations? For example- money and shopping bills, gardening, cooking (weighing ingredients), problem solving, planning an itinerary (timetables).</p> <p>http://www.mymaths.co.uk</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/maths</p> <p>Remember, youtube.co.uk can also be educational with lots of videos on different maths skills to help with homework.</p>
<p><u>Science</u></p> <p>We will begin our scientific learning by looking at green plants, how they reproduce as part of the plant lifecycle, how they adapt to survive in different environments etc. We will then look at animal adaptation in the context of rainforest survival, before finally looking at human evolution.</p>	<p>The BBC website is always very helpful for revision and games to support the learning we do inside the classroom.</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/10-11/science_10_11.shtml</p> <p>Encourage children to think about what they might like to investigate, ask them to explain what 'fair-testing' means etc.</p> <p>You could also discover plants together and observe their habitat, thinking about what they need to grow, and which stages of the plant lifecycle they can identify.</p>

Finally, we have attached a copy of our entire Curriculum Overview for Spring 2018 so that you can identify any areas that you think you can further develop with your child. If you have any queries or questions at all, please feel free to contact us in school and we will be only too pleased to help.

Mr Morton, Miss Willson, and Mrs Slade.