

Year 2

Term 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope your child has enjoyed their third term in Year 2.

This term's curriculum

This is going to be an exciting and fun term and here are some details of the work that the children will be covering.

Topic Area	Rainforests
English	Rainforests- descriptive writing using adjectives, fact page, Paddington Bear (Story writing) and Poetry. Alongside this a focus on spelling (plurals, past and present tense, prefixes and suffixes), punctuation and grammar (being able to identify nouns, verbs and adverbs in sentences).
Mathematics	Division: sharing, grouping, arrays. Inverse operations: addition and subtraction e.g. $6 + 4 = 10$ and $10 - 4 = 6$ and multiplication and division e.g. $10 \div 2 = 5$ and $2 \times 5 = 10$. Knowing the inverse operation is a strategy the children can use to check their work. Problem solving/reasoning (the focus this term will be on multiplication and division). Knowing their 2, 5 and 10 x table will be invaluable this term so please keep rehearsing these e.g. chant, sing, rap or watch Carol Vorderman (Youtube) Estimate numbers/measurements/scale. Understanding fractions. Problem solving
Science	Mini worlds (close observations and describing different habitats, plants and living things)
Humanities	Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans. Rainforests- location and importance. Contrasting Rainforests (Non-EU country and urban settings. Eastbourne/London).
Art	Pupils will be focusing on art this term and they will be producing a mosaic.
Music	Exploring instruments and symbols
PE	Games/ball skills, gymnastics
RE	Baptism
ICT	We are detectives- collecting clues
PSHE	Good to be me - Building self-esteem, learning to cope with stressful situations and developing a positive outlook.

Helping to enrich our topics

If anyone has any experience or items that may help us with any of the work above, it would be gratefully received. See specifics below:

- People with specific knowledge about rainforests.

Celebration at the End of Our Topic

We plan to celebrate and launch this term's exciting new topic by having a dressing up day on the first day back to school after the inset day (Tuesday 23rd February). We would like the

children to come dressed as a rainforest animal e.g. parrot, monkey, leopard, tiger. This may be a onesie or design your own costume!

Useful Websites

We thought it would be useful for you to have some of the websites we will be using for the term's work. These could be used at home to reinforce some of their work.

An excellent website for Mathematics and English based games is:

www.ictgames.co.uk

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/>

Phonics

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Maths

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

There is the full range of mathematical areas and has many exciting and engaging activities

Interesting websites about Rainforests are:

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/Grainforest.html>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=rainforest>

Spellings and times tables at home

We will continue to send home spellings on Fridays. Please help your child to learn their times tables at home and their number bonds to 20. Knowing number bonds to 10 e.g. $4 + 6 = 10$ will help them learn their bonds to 20 e.g. $14 + 6$ and $16 + 4 = 20$. This will support them in Mathematics lessons.

We hope you have a relaxing holiday.

Thank you for your support.

Year 2 Team