

Reading:

Daily reading is essential! At school the children have reading lessons, as part of 'Destination Reader.' They enjoy this focussed reading time and benefit from reading and discussing the texts. We strive to foster a love of reading and encourage children to read a wide range of texts. Please ensure your child reads regularly at home (daily is best!) and that you record this in their Reading Record book. Please don't forget: above all else, reading should be fun, so please take every opportunity you have to read with your child. On occasions your children may wish to read comics, poetry and other genres from the public library or their home library. These can also be recorded in their Reading Record. If your child reads at least five times a week, they will be given a raffle ticket and entered into our reading raffle with a chance to win a book!

(Phonics/)/Spellings:

This term the focus for phonics and spelling is as follows:

- *The spelling phoneme /j/ spelt as 'ge', 'dge' and sometimes 'g'
- * The 's' phoneme spelt with a c (cycle), the 'n' phoneme spelt with a silent k (know) or a silent g (gnat) and the 'r' phoneme spelt with a silent w (write)
- * The 'l' and 'el' phoneme spelt el, al or il
- * The 'or' usually spelt l and ll and the 'u' phoneme spelt with an o
- * The use of contractions and the possessive apostrophe
- * Homophones and near homophones (hear, here)

Alongside these spelling patterns the children will also be learning the Year 2 common exception words and consolidating Year 1 common exception words.

Termly spellings will be set and children will be tested weekly (usually on a Friday). Children will be expected to know the spelling patterns and meanings of the words.

Handwriting

Handwriting is important in Year 2 and we will be encouraging children to write neatly and begin to join their letters so they can earn a pen licence!

Parent Helpers:

We are always very grateful for any help that you feel able to give, whether it is listening to readers or helping during practical lessons. Do come in and see us and arrange for a DBS check if you are able to spare some time.



Roselands Infant School

Be the best that we can be.

Year 2

Curriculum Information for Term 4

Term Dates:

Monday 25th February- Friday 5th April 2019

Year 2 Teachers:

Mrs Page (Leopards) – Head of Year
Mrs Woolley (Panthers)
Miss Durrant (Tigers)
Mrs Stirland (Trainee Teacher in Tigers)

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Winters
Miss Cooper

Assistant Head for Inclusion: Assistant to the SENCo:

Mr Haddock Mrs Rogers
Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries.

Head of School

Mrs Wallis

Special events and important dates:

Wednesday 27th February-Zoolab animals in school
Week commencing 4th March- 'I Love Reading Week'
Thursday 7th March- World Book Day
Friday 29th March- Mufti Day
Friday 5th April – Year 2 Easter Show

Maths
 In maths, the children will continue to consolidate their use of jottings for all operations and apply this to problem solving scenarios and reasoning tasks. Knowing their 2, 3, 5, and 10 times tables will support them when solving one and two-step multiplication and division problems. They will also be recognising coin values, showing equal amounts of money, exchanging money, comparing amounts, calculating totals and finding change. In addition to this, they will be naming, comparing and recognising the properties or 2D and 3D shapes.



English
 In English this term, we will be using our focus on rainforests to inspire writing in a range of genres. The children will be writing information texts all about rainforests around the world and they will be writing stories based on the Amazon Rainforest. During book week, the children will take part in a range of reading activities and writing tasks.

Science
 In science, the children will be learning about some life processes and the different habitats animals live in. They will also be exploring food chains and will be able to identify what different animals eat.



PE
 The PE focus this term is ball skills. Children will be learning how to stop, pass and control a ball. In addition, the children will be exploring motion to music with a rainforest theme.



Music
 In our music lessons this term, the children will be learning a song called "Zootime" through "Charanga." The children will also learn about pitch and learn how to play glockenspiels.



Our Learning Journey topic this term is:
The Rainforest



Computing:
 This term, the children will be learning to be email detectives. This will involve the children reading and replying to emails, listening to audio files and creating a fact file to identify a culprit. This will engage the children in learning and will encourage them to use files safely while having an awareness of online safety.



Art
 In art, the children will be focusing upon the work of Megan Coyle. She is an artist who uses the technique of collaging to create images of animals. The children will then be creating their very own rainforest animal collages.



PSHE:
 In PSHE, the children will be focusing on relationships and will be discussing the importance of kindness. They will also be considering the importance of the Golden Rules and will be creating their very own set of rules.



RE
 In RE, the children will be looking at the life of Jesus, leading up to Palm Sunday in preparation for Easter. The children will be retelling the story through drama and will be ordering the key events onto a storyboard.



Geography
 In geography, the children will be looking at rainforests. They will be researching what a rainforest is and what the key features of a rainforest are. The children will also be comparing different environments, which will include finding similarities and differences between Eastbourne and the Amazon.



