



CLASS 3F

NEWSLETTER

Summer Term



TOPIC: Our exciting topic this term is 'The Rainforest!' In Geography we will locate the world's rainforests as well as the equator, Tropic of Capricorn and Tropic of Cancer in order to understand climate in relation to a country's location. Following this, we will begin to explore the physical features of the rainforest such as its different layers and human aspects such as the lives and culture of the indigenous tribes that live within them and global issues such as deforestation and how this might affect our lives and the lives of others.

ENGLISH: We have kick-started our Rainforest topic by reading *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward. Using this text we have written imaginative descriptions of the rainforest and created and performed our own poems. For the remainder of this half term, we are exploring information texts and working towards writing our own non-chronological report based on a chosen animal from the rainforest. After half term, we will study the global issues such as deforestation and persuade organisations to help us save the rainforest and the animals that are becoming increasingly endangered.

MATHS: In Maths we are learning to tell the time (analogue, digital and 24hr) and continuing to attempt a range of fluency, reasoning and problem solving tasks. Reading the time at home and out and about will help us secure our knowledge of how to tell the time! After this we will look at properties of shape. We will continue to practice our mental arithmetic and instant recall of the 3x, 4x and 8x tables (please keep practicing these at home!).

SCIENCE: In science we are beginning to learn about plants and gardening by investigating the best conditions for growth and growing different plants such as vegetables, flowers and herbs.

ART: In art, we will create a collage of the rainforest, focusing on building up the different layers, before exploring the work of Henri Rousseau, whose art was inspired by the rainforest. We will use water colour and drawing techniques to create a similar piece of art. As we explore issues such as global warming, deforestation and sustainability through the context of the Rainforest, in design and technology we will design and create our very own reusable shopping bags.

SPANISH: In Spanish, we are revising and extending our vocabulary for colours, food and times of the day. We are also learning the names for different classroom objects.

R.E./Thrive: In R.E we are looking at what it means to be a Hindu.

COMPUTING: We will be learning how to use PowerPoint to create persuasive presentations against the deforestation of the Rainforests. We will also look at E-Safety.

PE: In PE we are learning and applying the rules of rounders. In the last week of the half term, I am planning to take the children down to the park to play a game of rounders and have a picnic. Permission letters will be sent out soon (weather depending!).

REAL - LIFE EXPERIENCES! We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Zoolab and met animals from the rainforest such as snails, snakes, tarantulas, millipedes and tree frogs. In order to extend our studies, we will be visiting Tropical Butterfly House in Sheffield and taking part in a 'Rainforest Discovery' workshop so the children can get the chance to experience the vibrant, colourful rainforest setting and meet other (bigger) rainforest animals! This will take place on Monday 24th June. A trip to Crocky Trail Adventure Park in Chester has also been organised for all Year 3s as an

Things to remember:

- Up to date **reading records** must be brought into school every day. Reading is very important to children's achievements in every subject and something that we need to encourage children to enjoy. Please find time to read with your child and leave a positive comment to raise their confidence. Children will take a reading book home in their book bags. Please ensure that it is returned to school each day.
- **Outdoor PE** is on **Wednesday afternoons**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on the correct days. Children must wear sensible footwear for outdoor PE (trainers) and will not be allowed to participate in their school shoes. Also, there is still a chill in the air so please make sure your child has leggings/joggers and a hoodie/cardigan to wear.
- **Homework** is handed out on Fridays and due in for the following Wednesday. Please ensure your child completes their home-work. If home-work is completed your child will receive a ticket which will go into a prize draw at the end of term!
- **Spellings** are handed out on Mondays and need to be learned for a test on the following Wednesday. 5/10mins of daily practise (when possible) will help your child become confident for the test and will help develop their writing.
- A **learning log task** is set at the end of every half term. This is always based on our Topic of the term (Rainforests).

end of year reward for their continued hard-work. Letters will be sent out closer to the time.

I am really impressed with Class 3F's attitudes to learning and their progress! I am looking forward to enjoying the last term of this academic year with them 😊 Please do not hesitate to speak to me regarding anything. You can catch me in the playground or make an appointment with the office.

Best wishes,

Liz Fellows