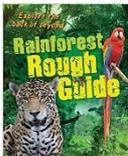
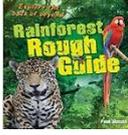


Bassetts Farm Primary School

Year 4 - Summer Term 2018 (1st half)

This half term our learning journey is 'Rainforests'. Here is an overview of our learning.



Dates	Character Strengths	We will be learning about:
16/4/18 	Teamwork	This term, the children will be looking at various aspects of the Rainforest. On Monday and Tuesday, the children will be drafting their own recount and concentrating on editing and improving their work. During DT the children will investigate a range of different structures and how they work within their locations. On Wednesday, they will go on their Residential until Friday afternoon!
23/4/18 	Self-control	In English, the children will be reading Beatrice's Dream by Karen Lynn Williams. The children will complete a series of activities that will allow them to learn the story and develop an understanding of language and different writing features. The children will be collecting interesting and adventurous vocabulary. They will continue to use all the writing skills that they learnt last half term and inspiration from their reading to plan their own recount. During DT this week, the children will investigate a range of different structures and how they work within their locations. They will be testing a range of materials and begin to design their own house to live in the rainforest. Please remember wellies for OWL on Tuesday.
30/4/18 	Persistence	During DT this week the children will be creating their own houses out of a range of different natural materials. They will be reviewing their structures and testing them against the conditions of the rainforest. In English, the children will investigate and dramatise the book 'Beatrice's Dream'. They will use this as an inspiration to write their own recount, concentrating on characterisation. Please remember wellies for Ground's Day on Monday.
Bank Holiday Monday 8/5/18 	Courage	This term the children will be learning about the climate of the UK. They will locate the different cities of the UK and create graphs of the different amounts of rainfall and temperatures. The children will then learn about the climates of different countries around the world and compare these to the UK. During English, the children will be reading a Rough guide to the Rainforest. They will learn about the structure and features of the text and begin to think about the formal and technical vocabulary used. Please remember wellies for OWL on Tuesday.
14/5/18 	Courage	Linked to their geography learning, the children will be studying living things and their habitats. They will research and investigate how animals and plants are adapted to their climate and explore the features of the rainforest in relation to the different layers. In English, the children will be planning and drafting their own non-chronological reports based on their knowledge of the rainforest.
21/5/18 	Wisdom	In Geography this week, the children will be thinking about the climate in certain parts of the world and how this helps plants grow. They will be learning why the rainforests are wet by revising the water cycle and learning more about the location of the Amazon rainforest. They will compare and contrast the temperature and rainfall data for their home location and compare and contrast this with the climate graphs of other Rainforest locations. During English, the children will be writing their own non-chronological reports based on their knowledge of the rainforest. They will illustrate and present their reports to create a class information text. Please remember wellies for OWL on Tuesday.

Subject	Goes out	Due in	Frequency
English <i>(Read, Talk, Write)</i>	Friday	Wednesday	Weekly
Spelling <i>(Words to learn or activity)</i>	Friday	Wednesday (Test Every Wednesday)	Weekly
Times Tables	Friday	Wednesday (Test Every Wednesday)	Weekly
Maths <i>(Family scrapbook or mental maths)</i>	Friday	Wednesday	Weekly
Reading	Books can be changed daily and reading records will be checked regularly. Golden key stickers will be given to regular readers. Each child should read daily and when on Citron or Ebony should still read with an adult at least once a week.		

Year 4 Home Learning

Your child can hand it in early if they wish. If your child does not hand in their home learning on time, or their times table check sheet (signed and dated), then they will miss 5 minutes of their play to practise their tables or complete their home learning. This is consistent across all classes. Please look at the Home Learning agreement in the front of their English Home Learning book for expectations.

Reminders	
Reading for Pleasure 	The children will enjoy a class story read by the class teacher in school.
Snack money 	Snack money - please pay for this by cheque only and for a whole half term. We is half term: Apr 16-May 25th £7.80. Please make cheques payable to DCC.
Lunch 	Please see the school menu and packed lunch policy on the school website.
Uniform 	Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name. School shoes should be plain black Long hair should be tied back, using small white, black or blue bands.
PE kit 	T-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms, trainers and socks needed. In year four PE is Wednesday and Friday.
Drinks 	We recommend that your child brings a named bottle of water to school every day.
Each morning, a member of staff will greet your child at the door. Please pass on any messages to them, or write us a note. We will supervise the collection of your children each afternoon. If you need to arrange for another person to collect your child, or are happy for them to walk home themselves, please let us know in advance or telephone the school on 01395 275968.	

Here are some dates for your calendar:

23th April - Individual photos

30th April - Ground's day.

25th May - 40th Anniversary Celebrations

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Jennings and Mrs Reed