

Year 3, Term 4 - February 2024

Now we are moving into Term 4, we are over halfway through the year! Where is the time going? We have another busy and enjoyable term ahead of us.

This term, we will be learning all about the rainforest! In our Geography lessons over the term, the children will be investigating and studying the features of rainforests including the layers of plant life, and the animals that live there. The children will also learn about some of the people who live in rainforests around the world and how the rainforest helps us and needs protecting. In our Science lessons, we will identify and sort various rainforest animals using a branching database. We will then identify the names and uses of various rainforest plants. In DT, the children will be exploring pneumatic toys and their design and make will also relate to our rainforest theme.

We will be linking our Geography and English lessons by looking at the text 'The Great Kapok Tree'. We will learn about writing formal letters and will write a letter to one of the characters in the text, persuading him to stop cutting down the rainforest! Towards the end of the term, we will be reading and writing more poetry based on the rainforest. We will also continue to improve the children's understanding and use of punctuation, grammar and spelling. Please can you continue to help and encourage your child to learn their spelling lists and also to read regularly at home. Spelling tests will continue to be on **Mondays**. The Reading Raffle is continuing this term and there is a super selection of prizes!

In Maths, we will be working on the topic of 'measurement'. The children will be measuring lengths and will consider the different units of length. They will also be introduced to perimeter for the first time. We will also be exploring fractions, building on the work from year 2. If you would like to further support maths, remember to access the websites listed on the school website (curriculum - maths). Please also encourage your child to use the Times Tables Rock Stars website using the log in details in their reading diaries. The government expectation is that children leave year 3 knowing their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. Tests will continue weekly.

The children have been enjoying their French lessons this year and are learning and retaining a range of vocabulary. This term, our unit is 'In a French classroom'. The children will be developing their skills in speaking and reading French this term.

Should you have any questions about any of these activities, please contact your child's class teacher. Please also look at the knowledge organisers on the website related to this term's work.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 3 Team.