



The learning question for this half term will be:

Why are we destroying our rainforests?'

CLASS MJ – SPRING TERM I

I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely Christmas holiday. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of the topics that your children will be studying this half term.

Homework

Homework will be set each week and the children will be made aware of the deadline for returning their finished work to school.

Spellings

Spellings will be given out on a Monday. A short test will be carried out the following Friday.

Enterprise

The Year 6 children will start to organise a fundraising event to assist in the cost of a future activity.

Home Reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home on a daily basis. They should be encouraged to read a few pages every night as regular reading at home makes a real difference to a child's progress. Please discuss with your child what they've read before signing their reading record book.

PE.

PE lessons will take place every Friday. Every child in the class looks extremely smart in their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T-shirt. Please ensure that your child also brings suitable outdoor kit and footwear for PE. Thank you for your help with this.

Literacy

Main areas of study will be:

- Story Writing
- Information Texts
- Poetry
- Reading and Writing through topic
- SATs Preparation

Also during literacy your child will be focussing on sentence punctuation, spelling, handwriting and guided reading. During guided reading sessions, we will continue to read and analyse the text 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'.

Numeracy

Main areas of study will be:

- Place Value
- Securing number facts
- Problem Solving
- Handling data
- Understanding shape
- SATs Preparation

Your child will also be using their times tables and other mathematical knowledge to further develop their skills in problem solving.

Science: In Science we will be covering the topics of 'Animals and their Habitats' and 'Evolution'. Children's learning in Science will be supported wherever possible by practical activities and investigations.

Art / DT

Our Art and DT lessons will relate to our theme of Rainforests. We will be sketching landscapes, based on the styles of famous artists. We will also be looking at the way these landscapes have changed due to deforestation.

ICT

In ICT we will continue to investigate online safety and work on our coding skills. We will also be further developing our word processing and presentation skills, building on our previous learning.

RE

In RE we will continue learning about Faith in Action, looking at inspirational people who have changed the world. The children will also read and investigate Bible passages within our RE lessons and then share these with the rest of school during collective worship.

History / Geography

In Geography we will be learning about the different countries where rainforests are located. We will use globes and atlases to support our learning as well as creating our own maps. We will be looking, in detail, at the way that humans have affected the rainforests and the issues that arise due to deforestation.

French / Music

We are very excited to be continuing our French lessons—taught by a specialist French teacher. In these lessons, the children will learn numbers, names of family members and basic words and phrases. We will then incorporate these into our daily classroom routines.

SATs—As you are aware, the Year 6 children will be taking their SATs tests in the Summer term. This half term, we will begin the children's SATs preparation in class, looking at test-papers and completing tasks that will enable them to reach their full potential. There will be a SATs booster sessions **every Tuesday and Thursday morning** from now until the children take the tests. It is highly recommended that children attend these sessions. Further details will follow shortly.

Finally...

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact either myself or Miss Priestman at the end of the day.