

## Spring 2 Why are rainforests important to us?

### Fox Class

Our new learning theme for this half term is...

#### **Why are rainforests important to us?**

Our focus will be geography. We will be looking into where in the world rainforests can be found before focusing on the Amazon rainforest. As well as finding out who lives there, we will learn about how rainforests are changing and hope to spend some time investigating local environments too.

Much of our learning will be linked to our main theme, although some subjects e.g. maths, will continue to be taught separately.

In **English**, we will be reading the book 'How to be a world explorer'. It asks lots of questions about what it is like to travel to unfamiliar places around the world and how to overcome challenges. Alongside our geography topic, this book will help us in a range of non-fiction writing, such as **information texts**, **explanations** and **persuasive writing**. To support our research, we will also be accessing a range of printed and online information sources.

Our **Maths** this half term will continue with our learning about length and perimeter of 2d shapes.

Later in the term, we will move on to learning about fractions and doing calculations using these.

#### Reminders:

Please ensure your child brings their reading book to school every day so that they have the opportunity to read independently or with an adult.

This term, we will have **PE** on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Your child needs to arrive at school in their PE kit.

As part of our healthy eating approach, we do not allow squash or flavoured water in school, so please make sure your child has only water in their bottle. If your child would like a snack at break time, we ask that you send them to school with fresh fruit or vegetables to help encourage a healthy diet.



In **Science** we are learning about living things and their habitats, in particular 'Classification and interdependence'. This is a complicated way of saying that living things are linked to each other and the environment in which they live. We will be learning how scientists group living things and finding out about the impacts change can have.

In **Art** we will be looking at the animals which live in the rainforests and creating our own representations of these using clay.

Our **Computing** lessons this term will involve editing photographs using a range of digital tools that are available.

#### How to support your child at home:

Sharing stories and listening to your child read can really help further their learning at home. I completely understand that life can be busy, but 10 minutes a day can make a big difference.

Your child should also be logging onto Times Tables Rockstars as often as possible to work on their recall of the times tables. There are also plenty of games and activities available on Purple Mash. If you need any help logging in with these please let me know.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and speak to one of the school staff. Thank you in advance for your support.

#### Links to previous learning...

Our theme will allow us to build on previous learning in science about living things in their habitats. Also, the children have previously learned about other parts of their world and may know something already of the different environments that exist on our planet.

#### Dates for your diary:

World Book Day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Last day of term – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April