

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 using non-fiction texts to learn about the Amazon. Through discovering what we can about this remarkable part of the planet, we will be able to produce informative, persuasive and creative writing about the rainforest. We also hope to spend time reading other texts linked to the topic, including fiction, such as 'Rainforest Calling' and 'The Great Kapok Tree', as well as exciting information books like 'How to be a World Explorer'.

Our **Maths** this term will focus mainly on decimals – understanding what they are and using them in calculations. We will also look at the connection between fractions and decimals.

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.

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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.

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:

Working in partnership is important to us and makes such a difference to your child's progress. We would like to make sure that all children are completing their 'home learning'

- Reading each day - recording their reading activity in their reading journal.
- Practise your current set of spellings and/or the statutory spellings.
- Practise times tables frequently - focus on any your child struggles with. You can use Times Tables Rock Stars, timestables.co.uk or Hit the Button for this. You can also use any other methods your child enjoys.

I will send home any information you need. Please ask if you have any questions.

Mr. Sloane

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:

Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May

Multicultural Day: 18th May

Last Day of Term: Friday 22nd May