

## Literacy

This term we are using our learning around deforestation and the rainforests as a stimulus for our learning. We are going to be using the well-known Iceland advert on palm oil as a stimulus to writing a flashback narrative from the perspective of an orangutan in the Amazon.

Following on from this, we shall be developing our writing and speaking and listening skills through writing a persuasive letter on climate change following a talk by a speaker from Greenpeace who is going to discuss the main environmental issues and how the children can make a difference at a school level.

We will also have sessions revising the main genres of writing and focusing on spelling, grammar and punctuation skills in preparation for the SATS tests.

## Maths

We shall be completing our curriculum by looking at statistics. We shall be learning how to interpret and read line graphs and pie charts as well as calculating the mean as an average; we will also be measuring and calculating circumference and diameter in circles. Following on from this will be consolidation and revision of all of the key mathematical skills in preparation for the SATS assessments. We will be focusing on a variety of objectives, taking a lead from the children based upon what is needed most.

## Reading

Throughout our reading sessions we are looking at a variety of different texts and using these to support us in analyzing how to formulate the perfect answers and how to use the text the most efficiently to help us to comprehend.

In addition to this we are finishing our previous novel study book 'The Hunger Games' at the end of every day for pleasure.

# Rainforests and Global Warming

## Geography

We will be using a variety of different mapping tools to locate the world's rainforests and reason as to why they are close to the equator and the tropics. We shall be exploring the importance of the lines of longitude and latitude and how these impact on weather patterns in differing areas of the world. Using these maps, we will be able to investigate how rainforests have changed over time through looking at the topographical features (human and physical) within them. Not only this, but we are going to deepen our understanding by analyzing the different layers of the rainforest and discovering their importance to the thousands of species that live there.

In relation to all of this geographical learning, we will be looking at deforestation in relation to our literacy work, understanding what it is, why it happens and the impact this will have on our environment as well as its contribution to global warming.

This term we will be learning to be compassionate global citizens. We will look at the rainforest and how global warming and deforestation affect us all!

## PE

Children should ensure they have their PE kit in school **EVERYDAY**. This **MUST** be blue or black shorts, white t-shirt and trainers. Tracksuit bottoms are option for outside PE.

# Y6 Summer 1 Newsletter

We hope you have had a wonderful Easter break and that the children are refreshed and ready to return to school for the Summer Term.

The SATS assessment week for Year 6 will be commencing on Monday 9th May. As mentioned in the SATS meeting, the children will be completing a reading paper and 3 maths papers; arithmetic and 2 reasoning tests, as well as 2 SPAG papers: Grammar and spelling. We will be continuing to run the Year 6 tutoring sessions after school up until the assessments to help the children feel confident about the test expectations. It is this confidence that makes all the difference so attendance is really important! We understand that this may be a time where the children begin to feel worried or anxious, we want to assure them that they are going to be completely fine and that being a little worried is normal, however we do not wish to put any stress or pressure on the children and to encourage them to do the best they can and to show how amazing they are and how much progress they have made.

## Homework

Children should read their school reading books every night and practice their spellings for weekly tests on Fridays. We also ask for your children to be practicing their times tables. There will also be SATS style homework available if your child would like it. They are welcome to request anything additional to support them with their maths and reading.



## Important dates for your diary:

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Bank holiday
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Start of term
  - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Bank holiday
- Week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – SATS week
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May – End of term
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Training Day