

# YEAR 2 SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

**As Writers** this term, we will be creating a report about the animals and plants found in the Rainforest. To help with this, watching and listening to Sir David Attenborough's documentaries would be very helpful. Also we will be looking at the issues that the rainforest faces such as deforestation, illegal logging and loss of wildlife. We will be debating the rights and wrongs of the use of palm oil and the destruction of the rainforest. In addition to this, we will be inspired by the book 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. We will use this to help us learn to write stories in a similar style and create our own alternative versions. In Guided reading this term we will be focusing on books written by Anthony Browne.



Please continue to support your children with their spellings and home reading.

## Happy New Year! Welcome to 2020

We hope you had a fabulous holiday and are raring to go this new year. We are feeling excited and positive about our learning this term and cannot wait to begin!

Mrs Richmond      Miss James  
Miss Tipler      Miss McEvelly      Mrs Coupland

# The Rainforest!

**As Mathematicians** this term, we are aspiring to become better with time and shape. We will also be looking at how multiplication relates to addition and division.

Just like in the Autumn Term, we will turn our focus to reasoning and problem solving in our lessons. We will often use concrete objects to



support our learning initially, before developing our understanding using pictures. This will develop into abstract methods and number sentences.

You can help at home by using money and using other measuring equipment. Also we will be learning our two, five and tens times tables.

**As Scientists** this term, we are learning about plants and animals. More specifically, this includes developing our knowledge of food chains, habitats, requirements for life and how seasons affect their lifecycles. We will continue to develop the children's curiosity and questioning skills as they discover more about the world we live in.

**As Artists**, we are using clay/ salt dough to create 3D tiles. This will involve practising various fine motor skills to enable patterns to be created. We will also be making some recycled art.

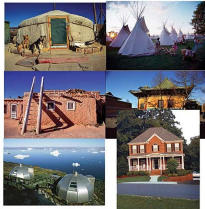
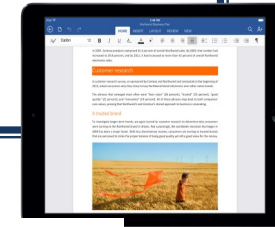


# YEAR 2 AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

**As Geographers,** we will be learning about two different countries: Brazil and the United Kingdom. We will be looking at how humans live and work in these two places and how their physical Geography is both similar and different. Rainforest landscapes will also be a major inspiration for us.



**In computing,** we are developing our typing skills using I pads and working with the chrome books for developing word processing skills and then programming. This will involve the children changing fonts, and colours and the features of documents. We want the children to create files in their own style.



**As Athletes,** we will have two lessons a week (one indoor and one outdoor) where we will continue to develop our dancing skills. We will be inspired by the Jungle book to learn our own rainforest dance. Outside, we will be practising ball skills. Please make sure P.E. kits are in school.



## As good citizens

**In RE,** we are learning why rules are an important part of life. Also, we will be learning about how important it is to have an awareness of others and the importance of sharing.

**In PSHE,** we will continue to learn about our rights. We will also be talking about how we can achieve our goals and celebrate our talents. Mindfulness and our wellbeing is another focus this term.