

**P4/5T Termly Update
Session 2017/18
Term 3**



Class News

Happy New Year! Welcome back to term 3, the children have all settled well back into class and are excited about their learning this term. We have chosen the Rainforest as our main topic and the children are very much looking forward to seeing where our learning will take us. The children have already shown a keen interest in conservation through discussion so this is an area we will explore further. As always please do not hesitate to get in touch with any queries.

Weekly Timetable

Monday	Assembly (alt weeks)	Miss Thomson
Tuesday	Art	Miss Thomson
Wednesday	Library, OTTER Clubs	Miss Thomson
Thursday		Mrs Thomson
Friday	French	Mrs Thomson

This Term's Learning

Literacy and English...

In listening and talking we will be planning and presenting a talk about an area of personal interest linked to the Rainforest. We will continue our Active Literacy spelling programme looking at common and tricky word spellings and spelling rules. In reading we are continuing our reading programme which comprises of pre-reading texts, group discussions of texts and completing follow up activities. For writing this term the children will have the opportunity to develop their imaginative writing and also focus on writer's craft.

Mathematics...

In Maths we will continue our number work as we begin to look at subtraction, we will be focussing on both mental and written strategies. We will also focus on timetables to help the children have good mental recall in this area. This will be done through written work, SMART board games, loop cards and bingo. The children will also be learning about data handling and measure linked to the topic Rainforests and then move on to money.

Across the Curriculum...

Health and Wellbeing - We will focus on friendship this term with an emphasis on caring, sharing and fairness, this will be linked to the 8 well being indicators and the importance of building positive relationships. The children will also be learning about growth mindset and how they can learn, change and develop needed skills to help them achieve their goals. Expressive Arts - In art we will look at famous artists and the techniques they use. During drama we will be looking at a variety of rainforest stories and working collaboratively in groups. In music we will focus on making a sound story to represent the rainforests.

Home Learning Arrangements

Homework will be issued on a Monday and is due in on a Friday. This term we will be focussing on spelling strategies linked to work we have done in class. We will also issue topic homework which we will alternate with numeracy work on a 2 week rotation.

Class Notes

Please ensure your child has a labelled PE kit, including warm clothing for outdoor PE. Please ensure earrings are removed or taped and long hair is tied back on PE days. If your child wishes to have a drink during the day, please provide water in a named bottle.