

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to school, and a special welcome to the new members of Class 3. This term in Class 3 our topic is Rainforests. Throughout this we will cover History, Geography, Art and DT. If you have any resources at home you would like to share please pop them onto Tapestry. Here is a summary of the areas we hope to be covering this term.

Miss Evans and Mrs Shephard.

History:

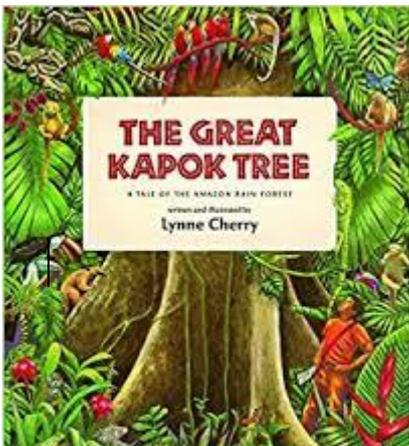
In history, we will look at how the rainforest contributes to the development of medicine.

Spanish:

We are very excited to begin learning Spanish! We will have a focus on speaking and listening. We will learn lots of Spanish greeting and have mini conversations with each other.

English:

We are starting with the book *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynn Cherry. From this we will learn more about the rainforest. We will write persuasive letters and our own dilemma stories. We will also be looking at various non-fiction books to have a go at writing our own instructions text. After half term, we will focus on *how to train your dragon* and will write our own scenes from the story.



Maths:

We are starting the term with place value, focusing on ordering and comparing 4-digit numbers. This will be followed by a unit on addition and subtraction. In this unit, we will practise our mental maths skills and column addition incorporating word problems. We will then move onto multiplication and division learning the formal method for written multiplication. After half term, we will continue place value learning about decimals and negative numbers. We will then look at column subtraction, 3D shapes and symmetry and finish the term with the bus stop method for division.

PE: we will be being active in outdoor learning and learning how to play hockey and rugby. This will focus on aiming, passing and co-ordination. We will also be doing Real PE.

Geography: We will refine our map skills by finding out where rainforests are and what the climate is like. We will find out all about the Amazon Rainforest

Music:

We will begin by learning an R&B style song and performing it with instruments. Then we will learn about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel.

Computing:

We will learn about what information is safe to share online, online bullying and how to keep our information private on computers.

Science:

Our first topic will be Living things and their habitats. Then we will move onto learning all about electricity.



RE: We will be looking at 2 key questions: "What different people believe about God?" And "What festivals are important to religious communities?" This will cover Christianity, Islam and Hinduism.

Art/DT: We will use oil pastels and other forms of media to make rainforest animals inspired by Henri Rousseau. This links nicely to our DT where we will be using cams to make a Rainforest style toy.



Homework: Our homework will be a mixture of Education City, Seesaw and written tasks. It will be sent out on Thursdays and needs to be completed by the following Tuesday. Please ensure you hear your child read each night as this has proven to greatly improve children's reading ability and comprehension skills.