



Spring 2020 2nd Half Term - Year 1

We hope you all had a restful half term break. We are excited to continue our learning and have got lots of stimulating things planned for the children. Team Enchantment will continue to focus on our topic 'Explore and Discover'. The children are already looking forward to learning about rainforests.

This term we are welcoming Miss Hanid to Castle class. She will be working with Miss Wright until just before Easter.

English

★ **Non-fiction and poetry:** This half term we are going to be focusing on writing poetry about the rainforest and rainforest animals. Towards the end of the term we are going to be writing some non-fiction texts about rainforests.

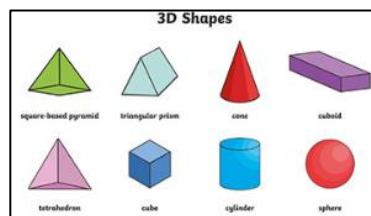
★ **Reading:** The children are enjoying listening to each other read during guided reading sessions. We will continue to focus on the specific skills needed to follow a text when someone else is reading and sounding out unfamiliar words.

★ **Phonics:** In their phonics lessons we will continue to use Letterland to learn more phonics sounds. This term one group of sounds we will be learning is about 'robot red' stealing vowels.

★ **Spellings:** Please use the personal spelling wall in your child's bag to see their focus spellings for that week - they will be circled. Any spellings they have correctly spelt in a previous spelling check will be coloured in. Please do not colour in this spelling wall at home.

Maths

★ **2D and 3D shapes:** The children will be learning to name and recognise 2D and 3D shapes. They will be recognising 2D shapes on 3D shapes and making patterns using the shapes.



★ **Fractions:** This term the children will be learning about fractions of shapes and amounts. They will be learning about halves and quarters. We will start with accurately sharing into equal groups and then move onto recognising halves and quarters.

Topic Focus

Explore and Discover - Rainforests

★ **Geography:** We will be learning about where rainforests are in the world, what continents they are on and what the climate is like in rainforest regions.

★ **Science:** In science we will be learning about animals that are found in rainforests. The children will be learning about how animals have adapted to suit their environment; learning about habitats and in the end about the life cycles of some animals.

★ **RE:** The children will be learning about the religion of Christianity. We will be learning about things that are important to Christians, what they believe about the world and as we get closer to Easter, focusing on the Easter story and the celebrations of Easter.

Team Enchantment reminders for this half term

★ Please ensure your child has their **full, labelled** PE kit for the term and that it stays in school. In an effort to encourage all children to have the correct kit in school, we will be planning to take the children to visit the park behind the playground - **children without full correct PE kit will not be able to attend.**

PE days: Castle: Tuesday & Thursday **Meadow:** Tuesday & Friday **Treetops:** Tuesday & Friday

★ Please can all families check that all of the school uniform they have at home belongs to their child. We have had many parents/carers letting us know that they are missing jumpers/parts of PE kits.

★ We are excited to tell you that we will be visiting Dedworth Library on Thursday 5th March to hear a talk by the author Nick Sharratt, celebrating world book day. We will be walking down to the library in the afternoon and will be back before home time.

★ Grown-ups in Golden Time: Friday 6th March 2:30pm

★ Reminder – PTCs will be on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March. Please ensure that you have booked an appointment to have a catch up with your child's teacher and a chance to look at through your child's books.

Many Thanks for your support ☺

Miss Wright (Team Leader), Miss Hughes and Mr Hickling