



Summer 2022 1st Half Term - Year 1

We cannot believe that we are into the last term already, this year has flown by! The children are in lovely routines now and it is so lovely to see them coming into classrooms with big smiles on their faces every day. We have a busy term ahead of us with lots to fit in before the summer holidays. The children have been introduced to our 'Rainforests' topic this week and we are sure that they are going to enjoy the learning we have planned.

English

- ★ **Fiction writing:** This term the children will be learning how to write creatively. We will be using a number of stories to share high quality creative texts and the children will base their writing on these books. We will begin to look at descriptive language to write character and setting descriptions and how to use more interesting vocabulary. The children will also be writing stories of their own.
- ★ **Phonics** The children have a few more new sounds to learn and then we will spend some time recapping sounds that they have already learnt. It is important that the children can recognise sounds on their own but also in words so that they can read and write using their phonic knowledge. Please continue to practise reading Letterland readers at home to support continued progress.
- ★ **Spelling:** Please continue to practise spellings with your children at home. They need to be becoming more and more confident with spelling high frequency words correctly.

Maths

★ Multiplication and Division

The children have come back in after the Easter break raring to go and have been able to jump back in to our Multiplication and Division topic. The children are becoming confident at making equal groups to multiply and divide. They are beginning to use arrays and are getting their heads around recognising the rows and columns. There is an example of an array below.



★ Fractions

Before half term the children will begin to learn about fractions. This follows on nicely from division as they are still learning to share equally. In Year 1 children are expected to know halves and quarters of shapes, sets of objects and numbers.

Topic Focus

Rainforests

- ★ **Geography:** Our topic this term focuses heavily on Geography and will cover a range of geographical skills and knowledge. The children will learn about features of a rainforest including the different layers of the rainforest and what animals are found there. We will then move on to learning about where rainforests are located in the world and what different human and physical features are found in rainforests. We will identify and compare different rainforests around the world and will also compare a town in a rainforest to Windsor.
- ★ **Science:** In science this term, the children are beginning to learn about plants and trees. The children will identify different types of plants/trees and will also look at the parts of plants.
- ★ **RE:** This term the children are learning about Judaism. They will learn about important people and places in the Jewish faith and will learn about a Jewish celebration.

Team Parkland reminders for this half term

- ★ **PE days: Chestnut: Monday and Thursday Alder: Monday and Wednesday Hazel: Monday and Thursday**
- ★ Please ensure that your children come to school with a named school water bottle every day. With the weather hopefully beginning to warm up, please ensure that your child has a hat and is wearing sun cream when necessary.
- ★ Art Week: 16th – 20th May
- ★ Schools Jubilee week: 23rd -27th May

Miss Wright, Miss Browne, Miss Kearley and Miss Wells.