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# Summer 2022 1st Half Term - Year 2

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 be expecting the children to use 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.
- ★ 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.
- ★ Reading: Please continue reading at home with the children. We are including written comprehension activities in our weekly English work this term. To be successful in these activities the children need to be used to reading extending pieces of writing and answering questions about what they have read.

#### Maths

#### **★** Fractions

The children have begun to learn about fractions. This follows on nicely from division which they have learnt earlier in the year, as they are still learning to share equally. In Year 2 the children need to recognise and find halves, quarters and thirds of shapes, lengths, groups of objects and numbers. They also need to be able to find 'non-unit' fractions (such as 3 quarters.)

#### **★** Time

The children will be learning about reading analogue clocks this term. We will be introducing them to reading times to the hour, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We will also teach them about reading the clock in 5 minute intervals. When the children have mastered reading the time, we will begin to introduce word problems relating to time.



# **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

- ★ <u>PE days: Chestnut: Monday and Thursday</u> <u>Alder: Monday and Wednesday</u> <u>Hazel: Monday and Thursday</u>
- ★ 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: 16<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> May
- ★ Schools Jubilee week: 23<sup>rd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> May

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