

**Message from the class teachers:**

Welcome back! Hope you have had a lovely half term. This term we will be learning about the Amazon rainforest and the effects of climate change and deforestation. We are excited for another half term of hard work and great progress. See the Diary Dates sheet.

**Teachers:** Mrs Bevan, Mr Bowen and Miss Illsley

**PPA cover:** Mrs Goosey and Mrs Cooper

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Mellor and Mrs Capewell.

**An overview of learning this half term**

**Maths:** Fractions and Decimals

**English:** Narrative writing based on 'The Great Kapok Tree' and non-chronological reports.

**Geography:** Rainforests

**Science:** Evolution and Inheritance

**Computing:** Creating Webpages

**RE:** What do religions say to us when life gets hard?

**DT:** Celebrating culture and seasonality

**PSHE:** Health and Well-Being: Changes

**PE:** Orienteering and gymnastics

**French:** My local area, your local area.

**General Reminders:**

This term we will be continuing to utilise iPads across a wide range of subjects in the curriculum. Please ensure your child's iPad comes to school **fully charged** so they are able to take part in all planned activities.

As the weather gets colder, please send your child to school with a warm coat for break and lunch times and a good jumper for PE days as we will still be doing PE outside.

**PE**

Colfer (Mrs Bevan): Tuesday and Thursday

Tolkien (Mr Bowen): Monday and Wednesday

Morpurgo (Miss Illsley): Thursday and Friday

Children must come into school wearing their PE kits on these days. You also need a spare pair of trainers to leave in school for the mile run and Drumba. Earrings must be removed and hair must be tied back for PE.

**Homework**

Homework will be set online. This will be set on a Wednesday and should be completed by Tuesday of the following week. This will include: Spelling Shed, Reading, Sum Dog maths, and Times Table Rockstars. We will ensure all children are confident in accessing homework tasks and all passwords will be provided in reading diaries, which must be kept safely. Children will receive paper copies of homework to help apply their learning and prepare for SATs. This is also due in on a Tuesday. The SATs will take place during the week of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – please ensure your child is in school for that whole week.

**Reading**

After completing the star reader tests, the children all have a reading book, which is targeted to their reading age. Please read with your child at home at least 3 times a week and sign this off in their reading records – children cannot do this themselves. We have rewards in school for children who read regularly. Books and reading diaries need to be in school every day. Reading books can be changed once the children have completed their book quiz in on Accelerated Reader. This can also be completed at home on their iPads.

**Snacks and water bottles**

Children are permitted to bring in their own snack for break time, which should consist of a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks. Children need to bring in their own named water bottle from home - which should only contain water. Please do not send your child with squash.

**Nut Free School**

There are children in school who have a severe nut allergy. Not only are they allergic to nuts, they cannot tolerate having food substances with nuts in. Therefore, we are a **nut free** school. Please ensure your child does not bring any nuts or food items to school, which have nuts as a listed ingredient. Thank you.