



Y3 Curriculum Newsletter – Rainforests

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Dear Parents

The topic for Y3 and Y4 is **Rainforests**. Having been on a trip to Newbury Living Rainforest in Y2 the children are already familiar with and excited about this theme. This will fit in well with our Green Grangefield day on the 5th June and we will include other Outdoor Learning activities where we can.

In Literacy we will be looking at stories with a rainforest theme, including real-life stories of children living in rainforests. Later in the term we will be developing our persuasive writing skills in an area of sustainability which the children will choose themselves. We will also be creating shape poems and looking into play scripts.

Science this term ties in nicely as we are researching Green Plants as well as Light and Shadow. We will extend our History unit of Local Area Change to look at changes over time in rainforest areas as well as in our immediate locality.

As we have now completed our swimming lessons this term's PE will be Dance, where we will learn a plant dance to fit in with our topic and our Science unit. We will also be concentrating on Athletic skills building up to the Prince of Wales tournament. PE this term will be on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Please can you ensure that your child has a school PE kit with all items clearly named.

In addition to daily reading, the homework timetable will be as follows:

Monday	Spelling Test and new spellings given out.
Friday	Literacy or Numeracy - due in on the following Tuesday Occasional topic homework

Please ensure reading journals are brought in daily.

As an introduction to our topic I would like the children to take some time in the Easter Holidays to choose one area to do with rainforests and present some facts they find interesting in any way they like – e.g. a poster, fact file, model, presentation, picture, collage etc.

Please feel free to ask if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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