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Aim High

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Dear Parents/Carers,

MAIN LEARNING THEME – *The Jungle Book*

Our topic next half term is based around the Rudyard Kipling book *The Jungle Book*.

The main focus for the learning during next term will be:

- Use maps, atlases and globes to explore the geography of Jungles.
- Understand and discuss jungle animals and their differences.
- Create artwork using natural materials.
- Discussing the climate of a jungle.
- Read and understand the story of *The Jungle Book*.
- Act out the story of *the Jungle Book*.
- Exploring different jungle plants.

Key vocabulary for next term: jungle, hot, humid, wet, village, rainforest.

ENGLISH

The children are taught English through either Literacy and Language or Read, Write Inc phonics. The Literacy and Language unit next term focuses on stories with a familiar setting and a suggested reading list can be found below:

Slightly Invisible – Lauren Child

The Snowman – Raymond Briggs

Not Now Bernard – David McKee

The Tiger Who Came to Tea - Judith Kerr

READING

Our thanks for your continued support with reading to and with your child at home. Each week, your child will be given 1 reading book which they can share with you at home. This will be changed weekly, and we would suggest bringing books in every day. Year 2 also have the opportunity to visit the library on these days, and learn about all the different types of books and how to use a library. They will bring home 2 library books, and these will also be changed weekly.

MATHS

Next term, the children will be focussing on the following:

- Calculating
- Shape
- Measurements
- Number and number patterns

Your child will continue to access Assertive Mentoring for Maths on a weekly basis, which is a programme that runs across the whole school. This will mean that your child will be in a small group to explore the skills needed to problem solve, calculate and use numbers quickly and easily.

PARENT/CARER INVOLVEMENT

During next term, the class will work towards a dance/music piece for the whole school performance at the Voyager School. More details of this to follow.



HOME LEARNING

Home learning in year 2 will consist of a weekly piece of both English and Maths skills. These will be given to the children on a Wednesday, to be handed in the following Wednesday.

Ideas for supporting your child are continuing to learn the 2, 5 and 10 times table, and using the Spelling log books to ensure that your child reaches the spelling success goal for the term.

The children are also invited to complete a half termly home learning project, however this is not compulsory. As the theme is *The Jungle Book*, ideas for this could include:

- Designing a jungle
- Drawing and labelling jungle animals
- Creating a new jungle animal
- Writing a jungle story.

PE

PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week, outdoor PE is weather dependent at this time of year, and **Tuesday** is indoor PE. However, we ask that the children bring in their complete kit (including plimsolls/trainers) on a Monday, and leave this at school until Friday. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed (**by the child**) or covered with a plaster (**which must be supplied from home**).

Your child will require the following PE kit (**Clearly named**):

- Plain White T-Shirt
- Black/Grey shorts
- Tracksuit for outdoor PE
- Socks
- Plimsolls/Trainers

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