



Head Teacher: Mrs D Reynolds - BSc Hons QTS NPQH

Aim High

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Lead By Example

February 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our next half term is going to be an exciting one, enjoy the week off!

MAIN LEARNING THEME – *The Jungle Book*.

Our theme for the second half term is The Jungle Book.

During the theme we will be doing a study on the Amazon Rainforest. We will be looking at where it is, what it is, who lives there and what the difference is between a jungle and a rainforest.

The key vocabulary we will be learning as part of this curriculum is listed below:

Jungle, Rainforest, Canopy, River, Vine, Flora, Fauna, Physical Geography, Human Geography, Basin, Native, Tribe, Habitat

ENGLISH

Language and Literacy will continue. We will be looking at *Mystery Stories*. We will be thinking about developing **characters feelings** within the story. We will also be looking at putting **direct speech** in our writing and focussing on **adverbs** and how they can be used to create an image in the readers mind. When we complete this our non-fiction focus will be *Non-Chronological Reports*. This writing will include **interesting facts, headings, subheadings and diagrams with captions** to interest the reader. The grammar focus is using **conjunctions** to vary sentence structure.

Key vocabulary associated with our English learning:

Detective, clues, culprit, mystery, magnificent, congestion, bustle, encircled and perplexed.

Here is a list of wider reading materials linked to the unit:

The French Confection – Anthony Horowitz
Ruby Redfort: Look into my eyes. – Lauren Child

Children who are part of Read Write Inc. will continue on this programme. Children are assessed regularly and change groups and adults as part of progressing through the programme. We will inform you when your child moves groups, or moves into our Language and Literacy programme.

MATHS

We will be starting to revisit some of the themes that we have already covered in Year 3, starting with *addition and subtraction* looking at mental and written methods, to include some numbers with decimals in. This will be linked to our topic as much as possible. At home it would be good if you can work on mental addition with your children by asking addition and subtraction questions for them to try in their heads. We will be using column addition and column subtraction as a method to answer questions that are more difficult.

Children across school will continue to work regularly in small groups on our Assertive Mentoring programme for maths.

PARENT/CARER INVOLVEMENT

The children will be working towards a class piece that will be performed at The Voyager School. Further information will follow in due course. As well as this, Year 3 and 4 will be doing an Assembly about Easter. The date and time of this will also follow in due course.



HOME LEARNING

The Power Project for this theme will be linked to The Amazon Rainforest. I would like the children to create something that you would find in a rainforest. This could be an animal, a plant or even a habitat. Be as creative as possible! The date for them to be returned is **Wednesday 25th March 2015**.

As well as this, on a weekly basis children will be taking home a piece of English and Maths Home Learning each week. This will be sent home on a Wednesday and will be expected to be returned the following Wednesday.

PE

Indoor PE will continue to be taught on a Tuesday morning and we will be doing Outdoor PE on a Thursday afternoon. We require every child to have a full kit brought in on a Monday every week, with it being taken home on a Friday. **NO jewellery is allowed** during PE sessions, with any earrings that are unable to be removed to be covered by a **plaster provided from home**.

The PE kit required is as follows:

- Plain White T-Shirt
- Black or Grey Shorts
- Plimsolls or Trainers
- Tracksuit bottoms for Outdoor PE

Please make sure that **all** of your child's clothes are labelled with their full name to avoid items of clothing going missing. If you do find a piece of clothing that does not belong to your child can you please return it to school.

A reminder that in Key Stage 2 children are no longer provided with fruit at break time. Children can bring a snack from home and it must be a **healthy snack**, such as fruit. Please remember that Norwood is a nut free school.

Hot school meals are still available each day but they must be paid for in advance using our ParentPay system.

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