

Spring 2 - Class 3



Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful and restful half-term break, and that you're now feeling energised and ready for the new half-term. The theme in Class 3 for this half-term is 'The Amazing Amazon'. During this topic, our children will be exploring the Amazon Rainforest and the issues our rainforests are facing around the world. They will also get the chance to conduct a scientist study on David Attenborough and how he has highlighted the challenges faced by animals and humans through his documentaries. In Science, pupils will develop their understanding of the classification code. They will meet Linnaeus' along the way and identify a range of living things right on their back door as well as exploring creatures further afield.

In English this half term we are reading the book "Rainforest Warrior". This is the story of Chico Mendes, a Brazilian rubber tapper and environmentalist. He fought to preserve the Amazon rainforest, and advocated for the human rights of other rubber tappers who lived in the forest. Tragically, he was assassinated for trying to protect these rights. Using this text, Year 5 and 6 will be creating their own writing, including: a setting description, non-chronological reports on the animals of the Amazon, a persuasive poster about saving our rainforests, some performance poetry and a biography on a famous explorer.

As always our guided reading sessions will focus on the children being able to decode and use new vocabulary, make inferences about the texts we are looking at, as well as be able to answer comprehension style questions about the different texts. At the end of each day, we have a class story and discuss key themes and infer meaning as a whole class.

In Maths this half term, Year 5 children will continue with their topic on area and perimeter, with Year 6 children finishing up their algebra topic focus. All children will then explore and calculate the perimeter, area, and volume of a range of 2D and 3D shapes. Children will continue to develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills while exploring efficient methods. All pupils must have quick and fluent recall of times tables and related division facts to 12x12. We encourage pupils to access TTRS stars, at least 3 times a week, to practice their multiplication and division skills.

Class 3 will remain having their PE sessions on **TUESDAY** and **FRIDAY** afternoons. PE sessions will go ahead outdoors as much possible, so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for any windy or cold weather conditions. In the case of heavy rain, PE sessions will take place indoors.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD COMES INTO SCHOOL IN THEIR PE KIT ON THEIR DESIGNATED DAYS.

Ways to help with learning at home this term

Weekly Spellings—will be sent home for the Year 5 and 6 children, to be tested on a **FRIDAY**. Please take a look at these each week and help your child to spell the words independently.

Reading—Please ensure that your child's reading book and diary comes to school every day. Please remember to write in your child's diary every time you read with them. We very much value your support in listening to your child read and ask you try and listen your child to read to you as much as possible. Sharing books together is a fantastic way to nurture positive reading habits, as well as helps them to build on their vocabulary, inference and comprehension skills.

Homework — Homework will always be uploaded to Seesaw and we kindly ask you use this to access the weekly homework and spellings online. Homework will always be uploaded on Fridays and is due the following Friday, ensuring the children have enough time to complete the tasks at hand. If you encounter any issues with Seesaw or accessing the homework or spellings, please feel free to send me an email or grab before or after school and I will try to rectify any issues as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your continued support

Miss Kalsi & the Class 3 Team