

## Class 2 Newsletter

Welcome back everyone!

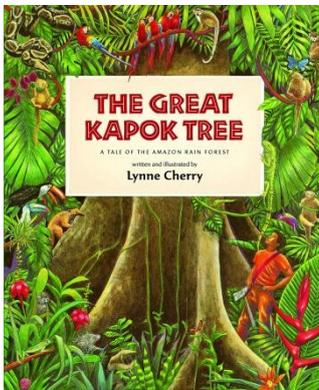
We hope you are all well rested and had a fantastic Easter break. Our spring term brought about many changes as per the norm these days. However, the children took it all in their stride and we finally welcomed them all back before half term! As we look ahead to our final term, we will be hoping to enjoy the weather as it gets better and get stuck into lots of exciting work.

Our topic for the first half term is the Rainforest! We will look primarily at the Amazon Rainforest and the plant and animal life within its ecosystem. Our topic is geography based, focusing on the physical aspects of our country as well as some other countries around the world, including South America. We plan to look into issues surrounding an endangered species in the rainforest and will be using our knowledge to create a campaign for change.

This will support our application for our 'Global Neighbours' accreditation in which we are hoping to achieve our bronze award. Christian Aid's Global Neighbours accreditation scheme is first and foremost about children: their needs and aspirations, their character and their hopes for the world in which they are growing up.

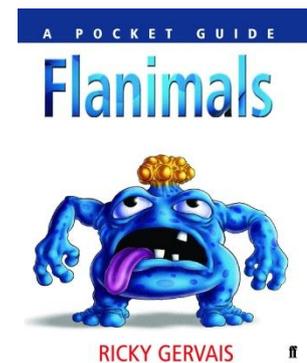
During the second half of the summer term, we will be travelling further into our history timeline to investigate the Romans, more information will follow on this in due course.

### English



Our main class text for the first half term is **THE GREAT KAPOK TREE** by Lynne Cherry. This is a wonderful story written from the perspective of the animals who live in the rainforest. It also incorporates the underlying issue of deforestation.

We will also be taking a crazy leap into the world of Ricky Gervais, to read about the Flanimals! We will be enhancing our reading comprehension and vocabulary skills each week as we explore these, and other books. The children will have the opportunity to write letters to a large organisation and non-chronological reports.



### Maths

In maths, we are continuing the White Rose Maths framework to support children's progress. We will be furthering children's understanding of the four operations both in written and mental form in a variety of contexts. These skills will be applied to situations they might come across in everyday life and problem-solving activities. For children to achieve, they will need a sound understanding of their times tables facts which have been set by us on TTRS and we would like the children to practise as often as possible.

## Science

In science we are looking at plants, including what plants need to survive and how they adapt to different environments. We will also be growing our own flowers and taking a more in-depth look into the various parts of flowers and their function.

## Geography

In geography we will be using maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied. We will also use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to and describe key physical and human features of locations. This will enable the children to ask and answer geographical questions about the characteristics of a location.

## Computing

This term, we will use search engines effectively and be discerning in evaluating digital content. We will also learn how to respect individuals and intellectual property and use technology responsibly, securely and safely. We are currently using the Purple Mash online platform to support children's understanding of computing. Purple Mash logins were sent out to children at the start of term.

## Art

Linking to our rainforest topic, we will be taking inspiration from artist Henri Rousseau and creating our own pieces. We will be looking into creating a mood through use of colour, using different textures and layers, while creating pieces that are interesting which may inspire others too!

## R.E

We will be asking 'how should we care for others in the world'? Children will be able to enhance their Spiritual Development by learning the importance of considering, valuing and treating all people with dignity and respect.

## Music



In music we will be learning to listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory. The children will have the opportunity to learn how to play the ukulele during weekly sessions with our visiting music teacher Mrs Moulds.

## P.E

**Class 2 will have P.E sessions on a Thursday** with Mrs Edenbrow. Please could children continue to come to school in their P.E kits on this day. This term we will be focusing on the game of rounders.

## Additional activities:

If children would like to do any additional activities, we would recommend looking at Purple Mash where there are a range of games and information covering all the subjects in the curriculum. TTRockstars is another website where children can practise their times tables and their mental maths under the title 'Numbots'.



Any reading the children can do at home would be great. If you need any help with accessing Bug Club online, please contact us.

If there are any questions or queries about the online learning, access or logging onto websites, or any other aspect of school please contact us by emailing Mrs Briggs on [admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk](mailto:admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk), or by posting a message on Seesaw and we'll reply to you as soon as possible.

**Kind regards,**

**Mrs Collins & Mrs Edenbrow**