

# School Newsletter

Term 5 - Rainforests



## Welcome Back!!!

Welcome back from myself and Mrs Christie. We hope that you had a fun, enjoyable and safe holiday! This term we will be learning all about the rainforests. There is so much to learn about rainforests and we will be learning a lot to do with them!

As we go into Term 5, we will be starting to get ready for our swimming lessons. I'm really looking forward to these sessions, days are outlined below for these sessions.

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### MATHS

Children will start looking at angles and shape. They will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes.

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### ENGLISH

Children will be writing their own stories to begin with and later in the term will write a newspaper article.

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### TOPIC

For this half term, children will be learning all about the rainforests.



### Times tables

As you are aware times tables have been an increased priority in school. We have now got access to TT rockstars and I am VERY impressed with how much the children are using it. Let's keep it up as we go into Term 3.



### Spelling

Spellings will continue to be handed out on a weekly basis. Children will normally be tested on a Monday.



### Reading

Please ensure that you read with your children 4x per week. These will be checked on a daily basis.

## Things to know.

### Just a few things as we go into Term 5

Welcome back after the half term. I hope that it has been fun and relaxing as we return to hit the ground running into term 5. This term we will be starting swimming sessions. I also want to say thank you to all the parents/carers who helped with the performance it was a massive success and Miss Padley and myself were incredibly grateful for your support.

**Reading** - Reading will continue be one of the priorities and ensuring that your child reads four times a week. Please use the questions that you were given at the start of last term to support with your child's reading. I have more copies in my class should you require them.

**Collective Worship** - These normally take place once a term. Parents are invited to the first one of the year and the final one. I will normally write a script that involves all children with lines for them to learn. As they will be preparing for a production for the end of Easter, this will probably be a lighter Collective Worship than normal.

**Swimming** - swimming will be taught two times per week. For those sessions, I will be teaching them and there will also be a life guarder to assist.

**Spellings and Homework** - children will receive either Maths or English homework on a Friday and will be expected to be back in school on the Wednesday. Spellings will go out on the Monday and will be tested on the following Monday. Also, I have started to play a variety of games to support with spellings such as: -

- snakes and ladders
- hangman (however, each child must get each letter in succession).
- finding patterns in words (sorting into groups)
- writing the words in large and drawing pictures to remind them.



- writing a story based on the words that they have been given that week.

**Parent's evening** - I just want to say a massive thank you to all the parents that turned up for the evening. There was some very positive feedback and I hope that you took a lot away from it. If you have any further queries about your children, please feel free to come and see me where I will be happy to make a time available.

## LEVELS

Below are you child's levels for reading, writing and maths. The levels given are their current level of achievement. They are required to reach expected by the end of the year. Therefore, you will probably not see any movement until either term 5 or 6. If they are emerging at this stage, it is nothing to be concerned about as they will move to the next level by the end of the year.

	Emerging	Expected	Exceeding
Reading			
Writing			
Maths			

## DATES

Swimming - Tues and Fri  
 Forestry school - every other Weds  
 P.E - every Thursday first thing

