



We hope you had a lovely break, and we welcome you all back to a new year!

Our class timetable has a few changes, which are as follows:

- **Monday:** PE
- **Tuesday:** PE remains unchanged
- **Wednesday:** Topic will replace Yoga
- **Thursday:** Forest school continues
- **Friday:** Unchanged



In January, we will be carrying out mid-year assessments in maths and literacy to monitor progress and help with future planning.

**Maths**

- Year 1s will be building on their place value knowledge of numbers to 20.



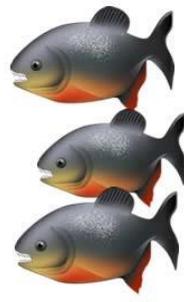
**Literacy**

- We will continue to build up and apply phonic knowledge, as well as improve our grammar and sentence structure. This is through our daily Read, Write, Inc. lessons. These daily lessons incorporate individual and paired reading (decoding and comprehension) and writing (handwriting and composition).
- Some children will bring home a little practice book to support their recall of sounds. A letter will come home with this, explaining how to use this to support your child's learning.
- All children will continue practising correct letter size and formation.
- Our daily text time this term will focus on books that have a **friendship** theme. If you have any recommendations, please send them in with your child (preferably named) so we can enjoy them together.



**RE**

We will be considering religious views about the world, its creation and ecology. This will include exploring 'big questions' such as: "How should people care for the world?", "Does the world belong to God?" and "Should people take care of the world?"



**Topic**

This term focuses on Geography and Science where we will learn about Rainforests, particularly the Amazon. The Topic newsletter, coming soon, will provide more information.





# homework

Thank you for all the wonderful homework brought in so far. We love to see things the children have worked on, both independently and collaboratively with you. As usual, aim to complete three pieces of homework over the term.

In addition to this, we greatly appreciate you supporting your child to:

- Play Numbots
- Read every night/morning (aim to read RWI books three times before swapping)



## Homework Ideas

1. Research a tropical rainforest creature and find out all you can about how and where it lives in the forest.
2. Use an atlas or the Internet, to see if you can locate all the rainforests in the world. Write them down in order of size.
3. Draw, paint, colour or make one of the many amazingly beautiful plants found in the tropical rainforests.
4. Complete an A -Z of the rainforest, finding as many creatures, plants, etc. as you can for each letter of the alphabet. Use your neatest handwriting to record your list.
5. Create your own rainforest creature.
6. Create a poster about why rainforests are so important.
7. Make a rainforest diorama.
8. Make a poster to show what your household does to look after our environment/World. Include three things you think you could improve on in 2022.
9. Measure all the members of your family using metres and centimetres and draw them with their height written beside their picture. Who will have the tallest adult in their family? When everyone has done this, we can make a chart for the tallest family in the class!
10. At the start of term create a real rainforest in a large jar and watch it change over the term. You can either leave it at home to watch it grow or bring it into school and watch it grow here.



Thank you for supporting your child with their homework activities.

Have fun!



