



Kingfishers Class Newsletter, January 2018.

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term in Kingfishers!

This term our exciting new topic is **The Rainforest** We will be learning all about where these are in the world, the rainforest layers and about some of the many species of animals and plants that can be found there. We will be investigating how important the rainforests are to our environment and thinking about ways they can be protected.

- In **Literacy** we will be reading some wonderful texts relating to the rainforest, such as 'Slowly, Slowly Said the Sloth' by Eric Carle 'The Rainforest' by Helen Cowcher and 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry as well as many others. These will inspire us to write our own animal stories, create our own animal poems and develop our own rainforest animal fact files. We will be focussing on handwriting, spelling and grammar as well as developing our creative writing skills.
- In **Maths** we will be focussing on place value and multiplication and division including counting up in 2s, 5s and 10s, doubling and halving.
- In **RE** this term we will be learning about the Jewish religion and the festival of Hanukkah and why it is an important festival for Jewish families.
- In **PSHE** we will be learning about the importance of keeping safe. We will also be considering the importance of protecting our environment. We will be learning about ways to preserve our valuable natural resources through our learning about rainforest plants, animals and indigenous tribes.
- In **PE** we will be focussing on a dance and building our own routine about the rainforest. In PE with Mark Potter we will be learning the skills needed for football.
- In **Music** we will be learning about ways to play percussion instruments to recreate the sounds of the rainforest.
- In **Computing** we will be using the computer to research rainforest animals and learning how to add pictures and text boxes to a document.
- In **Science** we will be focussing on animals of the rainforest, classification of the different animals, habitats, adaptations, camouflage. We will also be learning about the plants and fruits of the rainforest.
- In **Geography** we will be learning about where in the world rainforests can be found. We will also be learning about the indigenous tribes of the rainforest regions.
- In **Art and DT** we will be making collages to show the different rainforest layers and animal habitats, looking and making our own camouflage prints and we will also be making our own tropical fruit salads.

Important things to remember

- New spellings will be sent home each week - keep practising and doing your 'Spiced Up Spellings' activities.
- P.E is on Wednesday (Games Skills with Mark Potter) and Friday (Dance and Gymnastics with Class Teacher). Please make sure children have a full PE kit in school including jogging bottoms while the weather is colder.
- All children need a water bottle in school every day.

Mrs Vernon