



Kingfishers Class Newsletter, January 2020.

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 addition within 20 (year 1s), money, multiplication and division (year 2s) and telling the time.
- In **RE** this term we will be learning about the Jewish religion and the importance of their special book, the Torah.
- In **PSHE** our focus is Dreams and Goals. We will be talking about things we are proud of and things we want to get even better at. We will be learning about the importance of resilience.
- In **Music** we will be learning about ways to use body percussion and how play percussion instruments to recreate the sounds of the rainforest.
- In **Science** we will be focussing on the lifecycle of plants and what they need to grow and survive.
- In **Geography** we will be learning about the poles, the equator, the continents and the oceans. We will be identifying where in the world rainforests can be found and how the rainforests are made up of layers, such as the forest floor, the understory, the canopy and the emergent layer.
- In **DT** we will be making creating our own rainforest animals using materials and sewing.

Important things to remember

- New spellings will be sent home each week - keep practising using your spelling books and Spelling Shed. Let me know if you have mislaid your login and passwords.
- A piece of maths homework is stuck into your homework books each week for children to complete.
- P.E is on Thursday (with class teacher) and Friday (with Wayne from Primary Sports). 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