



Dear Parents/Carers,

Yet again we have squeezed in a huge amount of learning this term into a short space of time - the children have been superstars as always!

### **Overview of themes for the year**

**Summer 1-** Rainforests

**Summer 2-** Africa

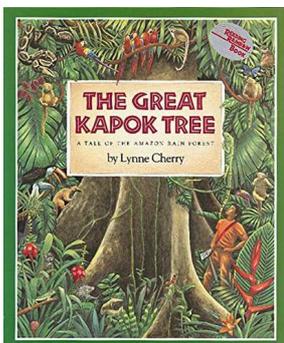
### **Trips and Visitors for the year**

**Summer 1/Summer 2-** As our Fab Finale for our Rainforest theme and our WOW starter for our Summer 2 theme we will be going to the Living Rainforest and The Cotswold Wildlife Park, staying overnight at the Hill Top Centre. Children not going on the Residential will be engaged with exciting learning about Rainforests and Africa in school.

### **Rainforests**

Our theme for the next term is Rainforests; we will be comparing our countries with locations which contain rainforests. We will explore different layers of the rainforest, discovering what can be found in each part. We will find out about the term sustainability as well. Using atlases, we will locate different rainforests in the world and explore the animals living in them.

On our WOW day on Tuesday 23rd April we are going to have a rainforest inspired art day, exploring texture, drawing skills and working with different media. We will also develop our drama skills to learn our W.A.G.O.L.L.



### **English**

In English we will be focusing on stories with character flaws; we will be focusing on the book *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry. This story is based in the Amazon where a man wants to chop down a tree which is crucial to many living things in the forest. He is visited by lots of different animals who talk to him about the impact he will have. What does he decide to do? We will find out more.

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### **Reading**

We will be developing our understanding of reading through reading skills sessions.

Please listen to your child read at least three times a week and make a note of it in the reading record book. Don't forget that every time your child(ren) reads they get a raffle ticket which goes into a weekly draw to win a bonus 30 early bird points.

### **Maths**

During this term we will be working on lengths and fractions as well as continuing to build on fluency of number facts and arithmetic.

### **Times tables**

Please support your child(ren) with the learning of their times tables. Children in Year 3 need to learn and recall facts for all the times tables up to 12 x. They are tested every week and all children will know which times table they need to be learning. Your child has a subscription to Times Tables Rockstars. If you could keep practising with your child, we will all become times table superstars!

### **Key Dates: - Please see separate sheet**

Thank you in advance for all your support. We hope you have a restful Easter holidays and we look forward to seeing you in Summer 1.

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