

### Welcome back

During the next half term, we will begin our topic on the Rainforest. We will learn about the geographical features of Rainforests and the animals, plants and people who live there. We will consider different points of view about their uses. Many of our lessons across the curriculum will be linked to this topic.

We hope you all enjoy the learning journey in this busy half term!

Mrs McIvor and Mrs Kennerley

### Homework

The children will bring home their Spring 1 grid to work from. We will expect six tasks to be completed during the half term. The children will have weekly spellings which are given out on a Friday for a test the following Friday. They will also have their reading record checked on a Friday and they should have read at least 4 times during the week and have it recorded in their reading record.

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's learning at home.

PE During this term, the children will be swimming on Tuesdays( starting from Tuesday 6th January). The children will continue with their games sessions on Thursdays.

### English

This half term we will be writing short stories based on our class book The Explorer. We will be learning about writing effective beginnings and developing suspense. The children will use their skills to write an additional chapter for the book.

Grammar will be taught once a week separately, and consolidated in our reading and writing.

In addition to this, children will be reading in groups and as a whole class. They will also be encouraged to use the library.



# Under the Canopy

### Maths

This half term we will be learning about multiplication and fractions. If your child is not yet confident with times tables, please encourage them to practise as they are the foundation for so much of our maths work.

### Science

This half term we will be looking at materials and their properties in science. We will be sorting materials in a variety of ways and separating materials using evaporation, filtering and sieving.

### Art

This half term we will look at the work of Henri Rousseau. We will use painting and drawing techniques to create our own work inspired by his paintings that include animal movement.

### Music

In Music, the children will be composing their own rainforest-inspired soundscapes using images from our artist Henri Rousseau.

### Computing:- T

This half term we will be looking at Internet safety. This will include us learning about taking responsibility when online, protecting our privacy, suitable sources and focusing on the reliability of the type of communication we use.

### RE and PSHE

This half term we will be following the RE unit What does it mean to be Muslim.

In PSHE ,we are looking at belonging to a community, protecting the environment and having compassion towards others.