

Continuing Learning at Home

The most effective way to support your child's learning is to spend time talking to them,

showing an interest and playing their games. If you would like to talk to your child about what they have been learning at school and help continue their learning there are some ideas below.

English

In English this term we will be looking at information texts and poetry. We will be learning about rainforests and ultimately will be making an information poster. The children will be learning about which plants grow in a rainforest, the layers of a rainforest, which animals live in a rainforest and who else lives there. In addition, we will be looking at chocolate and its journey from a bean into a chocolate bar and writing some rainforest adventure stories. At home you could:

- o Continue reading with your child on a daily basis.
- Look at some information books on rainforests and use the contents page to find specific information.
- When writing, remind your child to use finger spaces, full stops and capital letters.
- Encourage your child to use a range of sentence openers to begin their sentences.
- Practise your child's spellings with them.

Maths

This term the children will be consolidating their learning on number and beginning to learn more about multiplication and division. The children will be counting, reading and writing numbers to 100 and counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. They will be solving one step problems involving grouping and sharing, and addition and subtraction. The children will finish this half term by applying their

knowledge of number bonds to 10 to work out the number bonds to 20. At home you could:

- o Count, read, write and recognise numbers to 100.
- o Learn to write and spell numbers to 20 in words.
- o Continue to practise Marvellous Maths mental arithmetic tasks
- Solve simple sharing problems.
- o Recognise and name common 2D and 3D shapes.
- o Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.

Science

This term we are learning about plants. We will be exploring the school grounds to find out which plants are growing. We will learn what plants need to survive and we will be labelling parts of plants. We will also be learning about plants that can be eaten and different types of trees. At home you could:

- o Look for different plants in your garden.
- o Find out what grows on trees.
- O Look at the different parts of a plant together e.g. roots, stem.

<u>Art</u>

We will investigate different kinds of art and look at the differences and similarities in the work of artists. We will focus on the work of Frank Stella. The children will collaborate with others to produce a 3D relief collage. At home you could:

o Research an artist and encourage opinions on any art you see.

P.E.

We will continue our games unit where we will be learning skills used in tennis and later in the half term we will be using equipment such as balls, hoops and beanbags to practise other skills such as throwing and catching. At home you could:

- o Play some ball games with your child.
- o Practise throwing and catching together.

R.E.

In R.E. we will be learning about change. We will be thinking about changes in our lives and then we will look at how Jesus changed people's lives.

Handwriting

We will be continuing to ensure children's letters are formed at the correct start point and end point and sitting neatly on the line. We will also continue to join sounds together. At home you could:

- o Make sure your child holds their pencil correctly.
- Show your child how to join their letters together.

Music

In music this term we will be learning about instruments and symbols. We will be learning to play a range of instruments and towards the end of term we will be composing our own music. At home you could:

- Look at a range of instruments and talk about how they are played e.g. bang, pluck, blow.
- \circ See if your child can name some instruments.

Computing

We will be using the computers to research information on rainforests. We will also be developing our fine motor control by drawing pictures using the shape tool. Towards the end of the term the children will be exploring green screen technology. At home you could:

- o Log into Purple Mash and explore the resources.
- o Discuss the safe use of the Internet with your child.
- o Encourage your child to use a range of everyday technology.

PSHE

In PSHE this term we will be learning about recognising different emotions and strategies we can use to cope with emotions.

Year 1 will be going on their school trip to Wisley Gardens on Thursday 10th May.

This term our topic is:

Rainforests

