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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely half term.

Our learning journey this term is 'The Rainforest.' We will be looking at where the rainforests are in the world, thinking about the layers of the rainforests, the sources that we get out of the rainforest and looking closely at the wildlife that live in the rainforest. This topic is going to flow through in to our art where we will be exploring an artist called Oenone Hammersely. Oenone creates beautiful and colourful pictures of rainforest animals which we will be exploring and trying to create our own versions of!

Our learning journey topic will also run through our writing. In English we will be writing a discussion about the pros and cons of cutting down the trees in the rainforest. We will be thinking about the difference between fact and opinion and even looking at the effect of 'fake news' on the reliability of sources of information.

In Maths, we will be continuing to look at fractions, particularly using them in everyday life and then moving on to look at telling the time both digitally and analogue. It is really helpful for children to practice telling the time both analogue and digital at home and at school.

In Science we are going to look at food chains and life cycles, particularly looking in detail at different rainforest animals and what they need to survive.

We have Yoga on a Tuesday morning and PE on a Wednesday afternoon this term. Please ensure your child has their full name, named PE kits on school on these days. Please remind your child that PE is a statutory part of the curriculum and they must bring their kits in to school. If children do not have the appropriate kits they will be expected to use items from the school office or lost property. If your child is unable to do PE for any reason, please inform me in writing or verbally.

Homework will continue to be set on Fridays and to be returned the following Wednesday. This will continue to include a subject based main task, a Mymaths homework and a list of 8-10 spelling words. Some main tasks may be set over 2 weeks to allow more time to create them. Spellings will continue to be tested on Fridays and will be practiced daily in class.

If you have any questions, feel free to speak to me before or after school.

Kind regards,

Miss Alice Cottingham