



Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are looking forward to Autumn Two with another interesting topic to explore some very current environmental issues that we face such as deforestation. Our topic question is 'Why are rainforests so important?'.

To begin, we will be looking at the position of major rainforests and the significance of the equator, the tropics, lines of longitude and latitude. Following on from that, the children will be looking at various aspects of the rainforest from plant life to animals and tribes. We will be trying to find out why the rainforests are important and what affect deforestation has on the planet.

In art lessons, we will be looking at Henri Rousseau. We will be studying his famous artwork which is often based around the rainforests. We will be completing observational drawings of plants and then experimenting with how to use paint to create a realistic image. We will then use these skills to create our own versions of 'A Tiger in a Tropical Storm'.

In English we will be reading the classic version of 'The Jungle Book' and exploring the old English. We will be focussing on retrieval questions and using our inference skills. Through our writing we will explore how to vary sentence structure and create effective descriptions and eventually compose our own story.

In maths, we will be looking at multiplication and division, using both mental and written strategies to solve a range of problems. Children are encouraged to practise their times tables frequently as this is crucial in supporting their understanding.

Please ensure that your child has an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school. Children will need an outdoor PE kit on Tuesdays for Basketball and an indoor PE kit for Dance on a Friday.

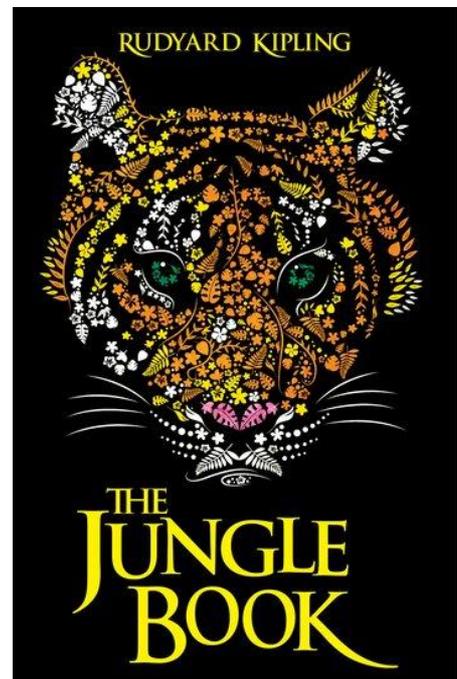
Two pieces of homework (one maths activity and one spelling activity) will be sent home every Friday. These are to be completed and handed in the following Wednesday. Children need to bring their Home Contact books in on a Friday signed to say they have been reading at home. Children should be reading daily for at least 10 minutes as it is very important to develop reading stamina and fluency.

Please continue to read the online newsletter available on the school website for up-and-coming events. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,  
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