



Broomhill First School

Welcome to the Seabirds Class Newsletter

Our topic for this half term is:

Rainforests



Spring Term 2 – February 2018

Mrs Preston

Maths

As mathematicians we will be:

- Learning formal written methods for addition, subtraction, and multiplication. Year 4 will also be learning a written method for division
- Using times table multiplication and division facts to solve problems
- Multiplying and dividing 1,2, and 3 digit numbers by 10. Year 4 will also be using decimal numbers
- Telling the time to the nearest minute and simple word problems involving time
- Year 4 will be starting to use the 24hr clock
- Solving money problems and calculating change from £5, £10 and £20

English

We will be looking at different kinds of poetry and creating our own list poems inspired by rainforests.

We will share our love of books on World Book Day and afterwards write a recount of our school celebration.

In fiction, we will learn about the features of fables and write our own fables using rainforest animals.

Science

As scientists we will study Forces & Magnets. We will focus on forces this half term and look at:

- What is a force?
- What does a force do?
- Investigate how forces can speed things up and slow things down
- What makes a fair test?
- Investigate friction
- Record and present results of investigations
- Draw conclusions from results and explain these using our scientific knowledge

Geography

As geographers we will be learning about Rainforests:

- Using maps and atlases to identify countries with rainforests
- Layers of the rainforest
- Life in the rainforest
- The rainforest climate
- Protecting the rainforest

RE

We will be learning about events in the Christian calendar focussing on Lent and Easter

Computing

We will be:

- Practising our programming skills using Purple Mash
- Researching information about rainforests on the internet

French

We will be learning about clothes and words for animals.

PE

Lessons will be on a Tuesday and a Friday.

We will be learning tri-golf and a Viking inspired dance.

Children will need blue or black shorts, white T-shirt and sand shoes or trainers.

These need to be left in school and will be sent home on a half-termly basis for washing.

Art & Design Technology

As artists and designers we will be:

- Looking at the work of rainforest artists John Dyer & Nixiwaka Yawanawá
- Creating pictures of rainforest animals using different mediums
- Working with pencil, pastel and collage

Music

A specialist drumming teacher will be coming in to teach Samba drumming.

Help your child at home this term by:

- Encouraging your child to be responsible for their own things and as independent as possible. Do they have their reading book and reading record in their bag? Have they taken out their earrings if it is a PE day?
- Encouraging them to remember to put letters, money envelopes etc. in the basket in the classroom.
- **Listening to your child read aloud as frequently as possible.** 5 minutes every day is more useful than a long reading session at a weekend but every little helps! Always initial their reading record and add an encouraging comment when you hear them read.
- Helping them to learn their times-tables ready for the Friday tables test. There will be one to learn each week.
- Encouraging them to look for patterns when learning their spellings and to use the "Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check" method they use in class.
- Checking in their reading folders for any additional letters or school work.
- Library books are changed on a **Friday**, please remind your child to have their library book with them.

Spelling lists and times tables for homework will be sent home on a Friday to be learnt for a test the following Friday. Please support and encourage your child to practise these every day.

Water Bottles

Please bring
water bottles in
daily.

