

Friday 12th April

Year 1 and 2 Summer Newsletter

Welcome back to the summer term! We had a wonderful (but rather short) spring term but this didn't detract from the incredible learning experiences. The children braved the wind and rain and have loved using our new play equipment on the playground. We are really looking forward to using this with the sun on our backs!

What have we been learning?

Spring term took us on a journey back in time and we loved learning all about the Great Fire of London. It is such a wonderful topic. We spent some extra time exploring it much to the children's delight. The children produced some incredible writing and artwork and enjoyed building their own model of London before our very own 'Great Fire of Westfield.'

Summer Term

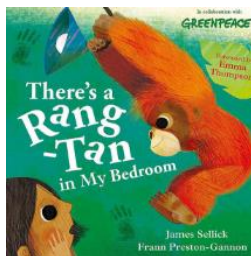
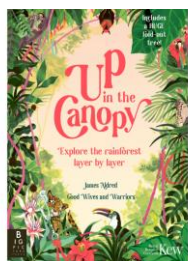
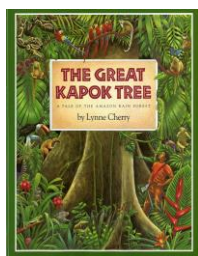
Our topic this term has a geography and science focus and it is called, 'Into the Amazon' and our Big Question will be, 'What Makes a Rainforest?' We will be exploring different geographical features of Brazil and learning all about the different layers of a rainforest. Please keep an eye out for our knowledge organiser in your child's reading record.

In English, we will be exploring our creative side and using descriptive language (adjectives) to write a setting description based on their very own rainforest. We will use the five senses to help them unleash their imagination. Continuing the creative streak, we will produce a fact-file on rainforests and will have a focus on how it is presented to engage the reader. We cannot wait to see how these turn out!

In maths, we will be exploring fractions of shapes, groups and numbers and then delving further into multiplication and division. It is going to be a great term!

Class texts

We will be looking at the following texts this half term to support our learning.



Please note that to protect our children the school gates are locked between the hours of 8.30am and 9.05am and 2.45pm and 3.30pm. If you are travelling to school by car during these times, please be aware that you could be locked in the school car park. Please find alternative parking outside the school gates, if required.



PE Days

Your child will be taking part in PE twice a week. Please send your child in their PE kit (plain white t-shirt and plain black or navy joggers or shorts) on their allocated days. Full PE kit details can be found on the school website. Please see below for your child's PE days:

1BH	Tuesday	Thursday
1TI	Tuesday	Thursday
2CH	Thursday	Friday
2RM	Thursday	Friday

Trips and Experiences

Key Stage One have a very exciting term ahead. On Tuesday 23rd April, we will have a visit from Zoolab (<https://www.zoolabuk.com/>) who will be coming in to talk to us about rainforests and bringing some furry, scaly and slimy visitors! The fun doesn't stop there as we will be visiting Grasslands Farm in June to complement our work in science, focussing on the seasonal changes from Spring to Summer.

The Reading Challenge

Thank you to everyone who supported the children in the reading challenge and congratulations to 1TI 1BH who were the winners last term. This term the focus of the competition switches to maths and we will be running a competition based on Numbots (<https://numbots.com/>). We will look each week for the class with the highest number of correct answers and we will keep an eye on it for the half term for an overall winner. Please contact your child's teacher if they don't have their log-in.

How can I keep up to date with everything?

Please keep a look out for Marvellous Me notifications where we will continue to celebrate successes and notify you of any further updates. We also have a Facebook page so please come and follow us for weekly updates.

We're all available for a quick chat in the playground after school should you need to catch us. Alternatively, you can call or email the office to contact us with any queries you/your child may have.

Thank you for your continued support,
The KS1 Team.



Mr McEvoy



Miss Holmes



Mr Ibbot



Mrs Hill