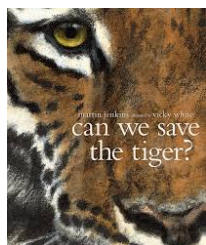




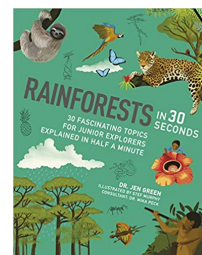
Dear Parents and Carers,

Our topic title for this new half term is '**What would happen if the rainforests disappeared?**' and we have many exciting activities planned for this topic that we hope the children enjoy. We will be looking more at life in the rainforest thinking about many of the global goals including Responsible Consumption and Production, Climate Action, Life Below Water and Life on Land.

### English



We will begin by exploring the topic of endangered animals using the book **Can we save the tiger?** We will be learning about some incredible creatures, the reasons they are endangered and what we can do to save them. Then we will go on an exciting journey to the rainforest exploring the tropical landscapes using the books **Where the Forest Meets the Sea** (Jeannie Baker) and **Rainforests in 30 seconds** (Dr Jen Green).



In our Guided Reading lessons, we will look at a variety of different texts and we will continue to improve our inference, prediction, explanation and summarising skills.

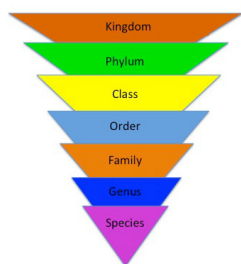
Our class novel will be *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell, the exciting adventure story of four children stranded in the Amazon Rainforest.



### Maths

- Place value, including partitioning, rounding, comparing and ordering numbers;
- Four operations, including times tables practice.

### Science



We will be learning about Living Things and Their Habitats. Pupils will be taught to describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals. They will also be taught to give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

### **Computing**

Pupils will use J2data to create branching databases linked to classification. In addition, children will use iPads and computers to research the diversity and location of tropical rainforests around the world as well as the invaluable resources that rainforests provide.

### **Topic**

We will be finding out all about rainforests, including where they are located, their different layers, how they are being damaged and what can be done about it, and who and what lives in them.

### **RE**

We will be studying Sikh faith, life and worship.

### **PE**

Children will have a PE lesson with Multiflex on Tuesday morning and then another session on Friday morning with Mrs Hamman. Pupils should come into school on these days wearing PE kits.

### **Ways to help your child**

#### **Homework**

Children will be set a English and Maths piece Children should also regularly practise times tables.

**English:** Children will be asked to read aloud and get their reading diaries signed regularly and also to log into Bug Club to read and complete some comprehension quizzes.

They will also be set spellings to practise on Spelling Shed each week.



**Maths:** Children will be asked to log in to Times Tables Rockstars to keep up their knowledge of multiplication and division facts

<https://play.trockstars.com/>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via the class email address [dragonflies@winchamcp.Cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:dragonflies@winchamcp.Cheshire.sch.uk)

I am looking forward to this exciting year and I hope the children are all excited too!

Mrs Hamman