

Should you have any questions or worries about your child, please get in touch by calling the school office. We will be more than happy to discuss things as, like you, we want the very best for your child.

Thank you,

Miss Gaw

**Homework**

Numeracy, reading and spelling homework to support class work will be issued each Monday. Please ensure reading books are brought to school each day and returned in an acceptable condition. Homework should be completed and returned to school on Friday. Each child has received a Literacy Homework jotter where they can complete activities. All children also have an Education City and Sumdog login.

**Expressive Arts**

This term we are looking forward to creating some wonderful artistic pieces centered on our topic The Rainforest. We will explore different styles and techniques to create our very own class Rainforest. This term we will further explore beat, dynamics and rhythm in music. We will also consider music within different time periods. Linking with our topic we will investigate the sounds of the rainforest using apps such as Garage Band.

**Social Studies**

Our main topic this term will be The Rainforest. This is a fantastic topic which will allow us to explore the wider world. We will consider the environment, animals, ecosystems, history and global issues surrounding Tropical Rainforests. We will also develop our geographical knowledge using maps and globes to explore the landscape and climate. This topic spans a wide range of curricular areas which will allow us to fully explore it in depth. We are very excited about this topic and we hope you will enjoy hearing all about it too. We are joining up with Primary 5/6 each Wednesday for an afternoon of topic rotations. This will allow us to work collaboratively with pupils across the school.

**Health & Wellbeing**

Our P.E. days this term are **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. We ask that pupils do not wear jewellery on these days. Pupils should bring a change of clothing (shorts/tshirt/sandshoes). We will also consider the importance of having good mental and physical health. We understand the importance of a strong mindset and strive to ensure pupils develop their confidence and resilience in all areas.

**Literacy & English**

Reading – This term will develop our reading skills using the Big Cat Reading Scheme. Pupils will read with an adult each week and we will focus on SHORS, applying reading strategies practically in and out of the class.

Writing – We will focus this term on Recount Writing. Pupils will expand the quality of their writing by using a variety of openers, connectives, adjectives and punctuation. Handwriting and layout will also be a key focus.

Talking and Listening – Listening and Talking will be a key aspect of learning with opportunities for group and whole class discussions incorporated within lessons. Circle time and Check-In’s will provide regular opportunities for your child to share their emotions and news in a comfortable setting.

Spelling/Phonics – We will continue to expand our skills through a variety of active and paper based activities. We will use the Nelson Spelling Scheme to guide and support pupils. Occasional spelling tests will be held to assess progress and understanding. Please ensure pupils practice their spelling words at home as regularly as possible as this has a great impact.

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**Maths & Numeracy**

This term we are focusing on our number skills. We will be looking at numbers to 100/1000/10,000. We will develop our knowledge of place value, addition, subtraction and sequences amongst other things. A key focus this term will be on consolidating previous learning and building upon it to expand our understanding. Pupils will learn through a variety of active and written activities to provide a broad range of learning opportunities tailored to the needs of your child.

Pupils will also consider 2D and 3D shapes and angles. Our Maths/Numeracy program combines the use of workbooks, interactive smartboard activities, games, outdoor activities, Sumdog and Education City to create a fun learning experience for all.