

EYFS Term 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely half term break filled with sunshine and fun! We have a very busy term ahead.

We are so excited to start the final summer term and to get stuck in to our Jungle topic. We have lots of fun planned for this term and will be thinking about getting the children ready and excited for Year 1.

If you are unsure of anything, we are always happy to answer any questions you have on Dojo!

Learning Rationale/Statement of Aims:

This term, as we move into our final term of reception, our topic is Jungle!

As always, we will be using stories and texts as a base from which to explore this new topic. Some of our key texts will be

‘Handra’s Surprise, ‘We’re Going on a Bear Hunt’ and

‘Walking Through the Jungle’. We will use these

texts to imagine and write about what we would find on our own walk through the jungle and to describe jungle wildlife. We will also use the story of Elmer to discuss diversity and the Poplar Promise. We will also be learning and performing an end of year poem to celebrate our year in Reception at Poplar Farm! The children will be explorers and find out lots of facts about rainforests and their wildlife!

We will be tying these themes into our weekly ‘Welly Walks’ and making links between the world around us and the settings from the stories we are reading.

We would like to say thank you for all of the amazing reading that has been happening at home. Reading is so vital for children and underpins everything that we do at school. We can’t wait to start giving out raffle tickets again, ready for the vending machine draw at the end of term!!



Key Dates

Monday 5th June – Child Safety Week
Friday 9th June – EYFS Gardening Afternoon with Sandon School.
Monday 12th June – Loneliness Awareness Week.
Monday 19th June – Refugee Week.
Tuesday 20th June – SEND Coffee Morning.
Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd June – PopFest.
Monday 26th June – World Wellbeing Week.
Tuesday 27th June – FoP Colour Run.
Thursday 6th July – Sports Day
Friday 7th July – End of Year Reports sent home.
Tuesday 11th July – Meet your teacher morning.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be focussing our learning around the topic ‘Changing Me’. This will explore how we grow from babies into adults, how being healthy helps us to grow and our feelings and thoughts about the children’s transition into KS1.



RE

This term in RE our focus will be ‘Our Beautiful World’. We aim to explore and respond to the natural world and recognise there are some questions that are difficult to answer. This fits in beautifully with our Jungle theme!

Friday 21st July – Last day of term.

Art/DT



Literacy

In Literacy, we will be focussing on independent sentence writing. We will be labelling rainforests, making wanted posters, learning rhyming poems and writing stories of our own journeys through the jungle. We will also be continuing our Phonics lesson, ready for Year 1.

Maths

We will be building on the children's knowledge of number by exploring number patterns and using them to solve problems, including; doubling, halving and sharing. We will also be furthering the children's understanding of spatial reasoning through maps, viewpoints and symmetry.

How can you help at home?

- Encourage your children to write in meaningful contexts (as independently as possible!), such as; letters, shopping lists, cards, stories or postcards. Encourage pencil grip and sitting at a table.
- Talk about the structure of stories and start from different places in a text – can your child think about what might have happened at the beginning or at the end? Can you predict what might happen or look at the pictures and infer (guess) some facts about the characters or setting?
- Sing along to your favourite song. Can you record the song using marks? Can you talk about the beat or pitch?
- Spot 'red words' in stories, out and about or in magazines and newspapers.
- Cook and bake together.
- Have conversations about Year 1 and how exciting it is!
- Read, read, read!

Books to explore

'Rumble in the Jungle' by Giles Andrae, 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson, 'Theres a Tiger in the Garden' by Lizzie Stewart, 'Once Upon a Jungle' by Laura Knowles, 'The Rainforest Grew All Around' by Susan Mitchell, 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry, 'Orangutaun, A Day in the Rainforst Canopy' by Rita Goldner, 'Slowly, Slowly Slowly said the Sloth' by Eric Carle, 'Yara's Tamari Tree' by Yossi Lapid, 'Secrets of the Rainforest' by Carol Brown, 'If I Ran The Rainforest' by Bonnie Worth, 'My Friend Earth' by Patricia MacLachlan, 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne, 'Jazzy in the Jungle' by Lucy Cousins

Websites to visit

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> - maths games

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/2> - phonics games