



Key Skills and Enrichment Homework

Key Skills Homework	
Reading	Read or share a book with an adult daily and write a comment in your reading record. Use ReadTheory.org to practise answering comprehension style questions.
Maths	Times table skills are a vital underpinning of the maths curriculum. Please do not forget to regularly practise your tables by using TT-Rockstars.
Number Facts	You should also continue to practise your multiplication/division facts up to 12; halving and doubling; counting in different steps (including negative numbers) and any calculations involving money. These are key building blocks for your mathematical development and we recommend that these are practised verbally, little and often – the walk or drive to school; shopping trips or ten minutes several evenings a week would be ideal.
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (GPS)	Log in weekly to your SpellingShed account to practise the spellings that you have been looking at in class. Grammar and punctuation will be taught within the classroom and may be followed up with some additional practise at home.

Enrichment Homework

<u>Become a Rainforest Explorer...</u> Research the life of the famous explorer Percy Fawcett. He spent a long time trekking through a jungle looking through the Lost City of Z. Imagine the trials and tribulations that he went through and write a diary of his time in the jungle.	<u>Become a Celebrity Campmate...</u> Inspired by I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here, design (and possibly build!) your own Bushtucker Trial for you and your friends to do. Please make sure that no animals are harmed in the making of your trial!
<u>Become a Musician...</u> Many words that we use to describe rain are onomatopoeic (they sound like the thing they are describing). Choose a selection of these words and put them into an order that you like the sound of e.g. Splish, splash, pitter patter, drip, drop. Turn those words into an ostinato by repeating them over and over.(about 4-8 times usually works) Try to clap the rhythm of the words you are saying. You could add other body percussion to your words eg knee slaps, finger clicks or stamps. Now use this xylophone app to add notes to the rhythm https://playxylo.com/ And you have your very own rain composition. We would love to see videos of your compositions.	<u>Become an Artist...</u> Henri Rousseau is a very famous artist whose work is inspired by the rainforest. One of his most iconic paintings is 'Surprised' which depicts a tiger stalking through the jungle. Watch this clip (https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/henri-rousseau-surprised#VideoPlayer95674) from the National Gallery to create a collage inspired by Rousseau's famous work.
<u>Become a Chef...</u> The rainforests may seem like a far away land which doesn't affect us but a lot of food that we consume comes from the rainforests around the world. Research which foods and ingredients come from the rainforests and design a meal or a menu which includes these. You could even have a go at making it in real life.	<u>Become a rainforest survival expert...</u> Use your knowledge of the rainforest and its climate to make a survival guide. Include a kit list, dangerous animals to watch out for, health and safety instructions and a diagram of how to build a shelter with labels. This could be in the form of a booklet or PowerPoint or an actual survival kit (no bigger than a shoe box).

Please complete the enrichment homework and bring it into school on **Tuesday 25th February** where it will be displayed in the hall as part of Open afternoon, between 2.30 and 7.00.



The children agreed work should be:

- Well presented, showing care and thought.	- Creative.
- A mixture of things they have learnt at home and things they have learnt at school.	- Their own work, they might need help but they should not let their grown-ups do it for them.

The Parents' Role in Homework

DO	DON'T
- Know what your child is learning about.	- Tell them answers but challenge them to find them.
- Ask questions to challenge their thinking: Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?	- Make it about expense – the cheapest ideas are often the best!
- Encourage them to complete work to the best of <i>their</i> ability.	
- Learn together and share knowledge and ideas.	
- Hear them read or read to them every day.	