

# RHINE CLASS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2 2022

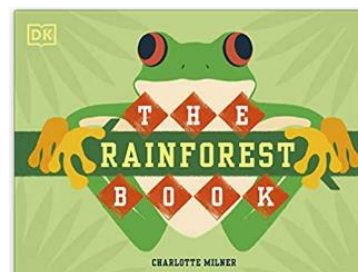


Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to Term 2. We hope you had a lovely break and are ready for another busy and exciting term. We have a lot to look forward to this term, including our trip to the Living Rainforest.

## Topic

Our topic this term is 'Under the Canopy' which has a geography focus where we will be learning about rainforests. This follows on well from our learning on South America.



## Other areas of the curriculum that will be covered

<b>English</b>	Story using the structure of The Explorer and how you would survive on an island Book review Persuasive letter about deforestation Daily grammar and spelling
<b>Maths</b>	Y3: Multiplication & Division Y4: Multiplication & Division Y5: Multiplication & Division, Graphs Y6: Fractions & Decimals More details can be found on the Maths Section of the website and by accessing Parent Guides
<b>Science</b>	States of Matter, The Water Cycle, Materials and their Properties.
<b>History</b>	Not this term
<b>Geography</b>	Rainforests Locating rainforests on a world map, recognising the different layers and the effects of deforestation
<b>Art and DT</b>	Artist Study - Henri Rousseau with a focus on the painting 'Surprised!' Techniques – Painting
<b>PSHE</b>	Valuing Difference which links with Anti-bullying Week
<b>Music</b>	Remembrance Music and Christmas Carols
<b>RE</b>	What are the deeper meanings of festivals? (Christianity and Hinduism)
<b>PE</b>	Lacrosse & Dance
<b>Computing</b>	Presentation Skills using common presentational software such as PowerPoint
<b>MFL</b>	Dans la Jungle (In the Jungle)

## Home learning

Learning to work independently is an essential part of a good education. Regular home learning is important as it helps children work towards improving important skills and complements work done at school.

**Children will receive regular home learning in Reading, Spelling and Maths.** They may also be given additional projects or tasks to support a class topic or other area of learning. These will be posted on Seesaw, so please make sure you have activated your account.

## Reading

Reading is an incredibly important skill that feeds into every aspect of your child's education, prospects of success and future life. It is therefore extremely valuable when children are supported and encouraged to read at home once a day and sign on their bookmark. We understand that life can be busy, however we appreciate your support by reading daily with your child.

### **Reading comprehension**

Each child will be given a weekly comprehension to be completed at home. This will be given on a Monday and due the following Monday.

### **Reading Journal**

**We are also introducing a Rhine Class Reading Journal. Each week a child will be awarded the book so they can take home and complete a page in the book. Full instructions and examples are included in the book. We can't wait to see the children's entries.**

### **Spelling**

Your child will be given termly (common exception) spellings to practise. These are on Seesaw and Spelling Frame. These will be tested once or twice termly. These spellings are different to the words covered in class and require regular practice to master.

### **Maths**

Children in Year 5 & 6 have started using a CGP Maths practice book which they will bring home each week to complete one section and return the following week on a Tuesday.

Children in Year 3 & 4 should be practising their times tables. All children have a Times Tables Rockstars account which they can access at home and school to practise and maintain fluency. TT rockstars no longer lets you set specific times tables, but tailors questions based on answers.

### **Weather ready/PE**

Children should have a named coat in school at all times as we will go outside in most weathers. Gloves are a good idea for when it gets colder especially when holding a lacrosse stick. PE will be on a **Monday and Thursday** and children can come into school in their PE kit on those days.

### **Pencil Cases**

We provide the children with all the equipment they need. However they are able to bring in a SMALL pencil case with a pencil, pen (this should be blue ink, no biro's are allowed), rubber, small ruler, pencil sharpener – NO SHARPIES or felt tip pens please. All stationery should be named.

### **Snacks and Water bottle**

It is very important that children are kept fuelled and hydrated throughout the day so your child will need a named water bottle in school every day.

We also recommend that have a healthy snack at break time to keep them going till lunchtime. Please ensure any reusable snack pots are named. No crisps, chocolate or other sugary snacks should be brought into school for morning break.

### **How to contact us**

The best way to contact us is to use the class email: [rhineclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:rhineclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk)

We will do our best to reply but we will be teaching in the day so cannot guarantee a response during this time. For urgent messages please call the school office on 01666 837602.

*Mrs Matthews, Mr Carter and Mrs Mackenzie*