



## Year 3/4 Term 4 Newsletter 'Amazon Adventures'



Dear Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful half term break. We are continuing our focus on Geography this term and our topic is based around the Amazon Rainforest! We will be reading 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell, and doing lots of different styles of non-fiction writing to display our knowledge. Our Geography sessions will focus on comparing our lifestyles to what it might be like to live in the rainforest climate and discussing deforestation. In maths, we are beginning to tackle fractions and decimals! This can be an area that children find particularly difficult so any extra support at home, and with their My Maths homework, would really benefit them.

Our PE days are **Monday** and **Friday**; please ensure your child's kit is always in school; trainers everyday are essential. We will also be doing Forest School this term. This will be on **Thursdays** from week 2. Forest school kit is essential.

### Helping to enrich our topics

It is always great to have items or visitors that support our topic, so if anyone has any experience or items that may help us with any of the work above that we could hear about or borrow, we would love to see and hear about them.

**Reminders** - Please make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather.

<b>Reading</b>	Please read with your child regularly. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in their reading diary, but please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments space. A member of staff will be checking reading records during the week and children are expected to have read at least 3 times a week with an adult. Adults at school will not write in the books as we have our own records.
<b>Spellings</b>	Spelling tests are every <b>Thursday</b> and Spelling workbooks are taken in on Thursday and returned on Friday. This term's spellings are focused on the Year 3&4 common exception words list. Additional spelling patterns are also taught in our weekly SPAG sessions with a focus on the apostrophes and the 'ou' spelling pattern.
<b>Maths</b>	Maths homework will be on MyMaths and should consist of <b>30 minutes per fortnight</b> . We will also be continuing with Times Table Rock-stars to help support your child's recall of the tables. . If you do not have access to the internet at home, please let me know and we can arrange a time for your child to complete it at school. If your child has misplaced their login details, let a member of staff know and we can give you a copy.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Riddall





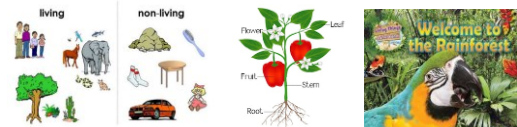











# Learning Map 'Amazon Adventures'



<p><b>Literacy</b></p>	<p><b>'The Explorer'</b></p>	<p><b>Descriptive writing</b></p>	<p><b>Instruction writing</b></p>	<p><b>Leaflet writing</b></p>
<p><b>Spelling and grammar</b></p>	<p><b>Spelling patterns:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 3 and 4 common exception words</li> <li>• Apostrophes</li> <li>• 'ou' for the 'u' sound e.g. 'touch'</li> </ul>		<p><b>Grammar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tenses</li> <li>• Prepositions</li> <li>• Fronted Adverbials</li> <li>• Conjunctions and clauses</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Maths</b></p>	<p><b>Fractions</b></p>	<p><b>Measurement</b></p>	<p><b>Decimals</b></p>	
<p><b>P.E.</b></p>	<p><b>Hockey</b></p>			
<p><b>D.T.</b></p>	<p><b>Healthy eating</b></p>	<p><b>Cooking</b></p>		
<p><b>History</b></p>	<p><b>Settlements</b></p>			
<p><b>Geography</b></p>	<p><b>Climate</b></p>	<p><b>Comparing lifestyles</b></p>	<p><b>Deforestation</b></p>	

<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>Healthy Me</p> 	<p>Circle time</p> 
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Living things and Plants</p> 	
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>Spreadsheets</p> 	<p>E-Safety</p> 
<p>R.E.</p> 	<p>What happened during the last week before Jesus died? How do Christians remember the events of Easter?</p> 	
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Charanga: Bringing us Together</p> 	

**Useful Websites:**

- <https://www.coolkidfacts.com/amazon-rainforest-facts/>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/fractions-and-decimals>
- <https://easyscienceforkids.com/all-about-rain-forests/>
- <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zy66fq8>

**Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term:**

- Where is the Amazon Rainforest?
- What animals live in the rainforest?
- How do you add fractions with the same denominator?
- What is a decimal number?
- What is the climate like in the rainforest?
- What is a preposition?