Personal, Social, Character Development

Our focus traits for this term are: **Healthy Body, Hope, Healthy Mind, Teamwork, Judgement** and **Appreciation.** Please ask your children about them!

We will focus on a trait every week, linking them to our own experiences, BLP and ZoR.

History, Geography & Social Understanding

Our main focus this term is the Geography and geology of rainforests. We will be looking at plants, humans and animals that live in rainforests as well as the how rainforests are impacted by climate change.

In History, we will also be learning about ancient Maya—a civilisation that lived and thrived in the rainforests of Central America.

Science and Technological Understanding

Science this term will focus on the life-cycle of plants and animals. We will be revising our knowledge of the classification of living things and the human impact on the climate.

The children will also be learning about habitats of plants and animals.

Understanding the Arts

In art this term we will be looking at mixed media land and city scapes, focussing on surface and colour.

We will continue to develop our music knowledge through our weekly singing assembly and exploration of our Artist of the Week.

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Computing

This term we will be getting creative as we learn about how to create vector drawings. We will continue to think about how to stay safe online using good judgement and how to conduct research online. **Please focus on online safety at home as well.**

Understanding English, Communication & Language

This term we will be writing a persuasive text about the use of palm oil and an information text related to climate change and rainforests.

We will be reading The Explorer by Katherine Rundell and Varmints by Helen Ward alongside other books about rainforests.

Please ensure that your child logs into **Spellzone** at home to practise spellings as well as bringing in their completed spellings for our weekly test.

Children should be signing their **Reading Log** daily with comments about what they have read.

Mathematical Understanding

This term we will be focusing on multiplication, division, fractions and decimals.

It is essential that all children continue to use **Times Table Rockstars** at home to support their maths learning at school.

Understanding Physical Health

Our PE sessions will be on Monday and Tuesday. Children should come to school on these days wearing their P.E kit.

This term the children will be applying different skills in **Gymnastics** and **Basketball.**

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Must bring to school every day:

- Reading folder
- Reading Record
- School bag

Topic

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PSCD Traits

Appreciation, Hope, Healthy Body, Healthy Mind, Teamwork and Judgement

Home Learning

- Reading (20 minutes each day and write three entries in the diary each week)
- Times table Rock stars
- Spelling sheet.
- Spellzone spellings

Please continue to check Dojo Class story for any updates or messages.

Feel free to message Elena with any questions

Important dates

14th January: Polka Theatre Trip. Back to school at 4pm

20th January: Trip to Kew Gardens (all day)

11th February: Safer Internet Day

13th February: End of term

Children need to be in school at 8:30 - 8:45am each morning!

This is when we take the register