

Dear Sycamores,

This term we will be diving back into our school learning with Rainforests as our focus. We will find out the many ways in which Rainforests are so important to us as humans and how we can help to protect them. This will also influence our writing in literacy. We will use stories like 'The Green Ship' and 'The Explorer' to inspire our fiction writing and understanding of texts. As well as our fiction writing we will try our hand at non-fiction writing using persuasive language and non-chronological reports. Along with our writing we will have daily phonics lessons, reading and grammar lessons to get us all back on track with our learning.

Maths will be all about place value so we know what the value of a digit is in a number, where it fits on a numberline and how we can use this to solve problems. This is fundamental to the rest of our maths learning for the rest of the year so we will spend a lot of time developing our understanding and problem solving skills.

During our science this term, we will explore how sound and light travels, how we process them and how we can use them knowing their characteristics.

Wellbeing has a larger emphasis than normal for us this term too. Daily running and sensory circuits, mindfulness drawing and our weekly forest school trips are all part of our class wellbeing focus. Along with regular 'check-ins' with children to monitor their emotional health.

Even though we cannot set regular weekly home learning there is still lots you can be doing at home:

1. National Spellings – Y3 and Y4 or Y5 and Y6 depending on your year group. Learn 5-10 each week. You can give yourselves spelling tests or try and use them in your writing at school then I can see you're learning them. Go to the oxford owl website for the spelling lists and tips on how to learn them <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/english/primary-spelling/>
2. High frequency words – make sure you know how to spelling them all. Pick out the ones you are not sure of and pick 5- 10 to learn each week. I will be able to see in your writing if they're improving your spelling. Visit the high frequency word org website for the list of high frequency words <http://www.highfrequencywords.org/first-100-high-frequency-word-list-precursive.html>
3. Times Tables – you are supposed to know all of the tables by the end of year 5 and regular practise will help you remember them. www.timestables.co.uk
4. Reading – every time you finish reading a book you can write a book report or you can draw a new front cover, which you can email to me.

If you have any questions, if you're not sure about something or you want to share any learning, you can email me at sycamores@temple-ewell.kent.sch.uk

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