

# January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a festive break and had time to relax.

As we step in to 2019 we already have exciting things planned. As part of our new topic Rainforests, children will be going to Marwell Zoo in Hampshire on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January linking with Godshill primary.

## Our Topic for the next Half Term is: **RAINFORESTS!**



### **THIS WILL BE AN IN DEPTH GEOGRAPHY TOPIC EXPLORING WILDLIFE AND CULTURE**

During this topic we will be exploring the effect that humans have had on our environment, Deforestation, Endangered species, Poaching, Describing physical and human features of a range of places. We will also focus on the Amazon and Brazil including the Olympics and Carnival.

During art, we will be creating paintings and collages in the style of Henri Rousseau.

In English we will be exploring a vibrant picture text called The Wonder Garden and a novel called The Explorer. Copies of the Explorer would be beneficial for Guided Reading.

Science will remain on a Friday with Miss Turner and the children will be exploring the water cycle and classification.

Please see the attached [topic web](#) for further details of our study across all subject areas.

### **A few friendly reminders:**

- Children are expected to **read every day** at home please, either to an adult or on their own. This needs to be signed daily in the reading record. Please question your child for comprehension using the VIPERS book mark. Training on reading VIPERS will be offered to parents later in the term.
- **Spellings** will be set on a Friday and tested on a **Thursday**
- **PE** will be on a **FRIDAY** so please make sure that they have their PE kit in school for this day. Thank you!
- **Homework** – will be set regularly with ongoing topic homework throughout the half term.
- **Children need to be on the playground for 8.40am** please for learning in the classroom to commence at **8:45**.

Do let me know if you have any questions,

Mrs S Price

Dates For your Diary –

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Marwell Zoo Trip

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February – J Rock Performance