

This half term's topic is ... Rainforests/jungles.

General information

During this difficult time, please prioritise your family's health and wellbeing. If your child does not wish to do an activity, don't force them. Let them approach things at their own pace and in their own time. It is very different for them to learn at home compared to learning at school alongside their peers. Children are always learning in everything they do so their play at home will always support their learning.

Reading

Visit **Rising Stars online library** to access books for your child to read to you – <https://my.risingstars-uk.com/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f> Type in the school's unique ID which is 217125 and then your login details which you will receive individually. Once you have logged in, click on **Rising Stars Reading Planet**. Your child can then open the book they want to read. There is the facility to listen to the story being read to them as well so they can practise their reading and enjoy listening to stories too. At the end, there is a quiz so make sure that they are understanding what they are reading as they go along. We have assigned books to your child based roughly on their reading level. The books vary slightly both from the ones we have in school and between each other and you will notice that occasionally a word must be predicted from the sense of the sentence because it cannot be sounded out.

Physical activity

Don't forget to have your daily exercise. At school you would have time at playtime, lunchtime and P.E. time to be active as well as Movement for learning and learning outdoors. You could join Joe Wicks in the morning for your workout - <https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1/videos> or try some of your Movement for Learning exercises (you have the plans in your second pack) or find your own way to be active and keep fit. You could even dance with Oti Mabuse - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC58qowNEXHl-InfR_5YtP4g or try your hand at cosmic yoga - <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>.

Communication via Twitter and/or Email

We have loved receiving your emails and seeing your posts, photos and videos on Twitter as we're missing you and it's really important to us that we stay connected as much as possible. Please try to communicate with us, at least once a week, either via Twitter or email or both, to show us what you and your child have been doing.

Maths

Please continue to use the Numbots game which we gave you the log in details for last week. We can see that many of you have logged in and started this. Each time you play, you earn coins. The faster you answer in the games, the more levels you unlock. As you earn more coins, you can trade them in to buy new parts for your Numbot.

Book Trust Pyjama day is on Friday 1st May. Why not stay in your PJs all day and do some book related activities?

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/pyjamarama/>



The Rafflesia flower is the biggest in the world and is found in the Borneo jungle. It is almost 1m wide.

This week, our focus will be... Trees, plants and flowers



Reading, Phonics and Writing

- Join Mr Mc for phonics lessons and focus on the sounds 'air', 'er', 'sh', 'ch', 'th' <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTcZnvuTevvlznioLRo0GOA>
- This week's story relating to our topic is 'The monkey with a bright blue bottom', all about a mischievous monkey who gets up to tricks that go horribly wrong - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gncP_QbUGRA
- This week's poem from the Poetry basket is Dance (This is will be put on Twitter for you.)
- This week we'd like you to focus on practising your ladder letters (l, i, t, u, y). Remember these letters go straight down and flick. Perhaps you can think of some simple words with at least one of these letters in to have a go at spelling, remembering to form the focus letters nice and straight.

Observational Art

Draw Van Gogh's sunflowers. Listen to the story first so that you know a bit about this painting.

<https://youtu.be/RzAkf7qToQU>

This week's investigation is 'Grow your own hanging crystals'. (see attached sheet). Please post your results on Twitter or email them to the Class 1 email.

Maths

- Continue working on Numbots using the login given to you last week.
- Number rhymes – Share together 5 little ducks, 10 fat sausages, 5 little men in a flying saucer, there were 10 in the bed or other number rhymes you know. Talk about how many left, record the numerals as you sing, create subtraction calculations as you sing.
- Ten pin bowling – Use some old bottles or cups or yogurt pots to make your own 10 pin bowling game. Roll a ball and record how many you knocked over. Make it harder and roll 2 balls, write down the addition calculation and add up how many you knocked over altogether. Set a target score and see who will be the first to knock that many over or count how many times you have to roll the ball to knock 10 over.

Topic Challenges for this week...

- Explore the Powerpoint about plants in the rainforest and talk about some of the different types of plants <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-t-394-plants-of-the-rainforest-powerpoint>. Remember to use the offer code UKTWINKLHELPS to make sure that you don't pay for anything on Twinkl.
- Go outside and explore the different types of trees, plants and flowers that you have in the garden or see on your daily walk. Draw, paint or collage one and label it. Talk about the words shoot, leaf, trunk, stem, branch, root, flower, seed, petal.
- What do plants need to grow? Plant some seeds if you have any at home. Mrs Roddy has also talked about sunflower seeds in her newsletter.