

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.

Phonics and reading

- Please continue to access reading books on the Rising Stars Reading Planet online library with the login details provided the week before last. We can see that many of you have logged in and some of you have already read quite a few books. Well done!
- Phonics Play games - <https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/3>. Login with the following details (username - march20, password – home) to access the games for free. If you enjoyed these games last week and want to have another go, this is always available.

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/UC58aowNEXHHqfIR_5YTtP4g

What about trying your hand at cosmic yoga? -

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>.

There's also the wake up, shake up dance too -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=RD7zySI_peFUcM&v=1gUbdNbu6ak

Communication via Twitter and/or Email

You have all been working so hard. We are very impressed and we have loved receiving your emails and seeing your posts, photos and videos on Twitter. Miss Berry enjoyed chatting to each of you on the phone too this week. We're missing you, your chatter and your laughter. Please try to communicate with us, at least once a week, either via Twitter or email or both, to show us what you have all been doing.

Maths

Please continue to use the Numbots game which we gave you the log in details for in week 1. We can see that most of you have logged in and are having a go at this regularly.



This week, our focus will be... Rainforest and jungle animals



Reading, Phonics and Writing

- This week's story relating to our topic is 'The Parrot Tico Tango' - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOKs3el9kA>. This story is sung. See if you can remember the order of the fruits. You can also listen to just the audio of this, with no pictures, at <https://www.barefootbooks.com/singalong-books/parrotticotango/>
- This week's poem from the Poetry basket is Sliced Bread. (This is will be put on Twitter for you.)
- Join Mr Mc for phonics lessons and focus on the sounds 'th' (day 2), 'ng', 'ai', 'ay' and 'Fun Friday phonics: post box' - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTcZnvuTeovIznioLRo0GOA>
- Writing – This week's focus is the formation of robot letters (r, n, m, h, p, k, b). Always start from the top (the robot's head), go down his body to his toes, back up (sometimes halfway and sometimes to the top) and over his one arm to continue the letter. You could practise outside with chalk and then ask an adult to give you a clue e.g. 'the sound that is at the end of 'dark'' and you cross out the sound or wash the sound away with water.

Observational Art

Draw a daisy.

This week's investigation is 'Rain clouds' (see attached sheet). Please show us how you got on by posting on Twitter or emailing the Class One email.

Miss Berry's challenge

'House of Cards' find a pack of cards. Can you build a house of cards from them? How many tiers can you make it? Take a picture and share your creations on Twitter or Class One email.

Maths

- Continue working on Numbots using the login given to you in week 1.
- Outdoor maths challenge – have a go at some of the outdoor maths challenges (See attached sheet). You can change the numbers to suit your child.
- Coin activity – Draw around your hand. How many 1p coins can you fit inside it? Can you fit the same number of coins in your hand if you change the type of coin? What about if you use your Mum or Dad's hand? Can you explain what you have found out?
- Sum turnover – Use playing cards or Uno cards and follow the instructions here. - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSb7XiETII8>. Play the first version of the game or the second version of the game, whichever suits your child more.

Topic Challenges for this week...

- Look at the animal riddles Powerpoint (attached) and try to guess the jungle/rainforest animal from the clues.
- Create your own riddle with clues to describe your jungle/rainforest animal (we don't expect any rhyme). You can do this orally or write it down. Share it with your family or with us and see if others can guess your animal.
- Make a folded paper monkey a bit like this one. You could colour him in or paint him.

