

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 to you previously. Go to <https://my.risingstars-uk.com/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>. We can see that many of you have logged in and some of you have already read quite a few books. We are updating the books that are assigned to you as we see your progress.
- 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.

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/UC58aowNEXHHajfR_5YTrP4g

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=RD7zySLpeEUcM&v=1gUbdNbu6ak>

Communication via Twitter and/or Email

We've been so impressed with your hard work at home and we have thoroughly enjoyed seeing what you have been doing. The photos, videos, posts on Twitter and emails we have received have been fabulous. Please try to make sure that you make contact with us at least once a week so that we know that you are safe and well. We love to see what you are doing.

Maths

Please continue to use the Numbots game which we gave you the log in details for in week 1. This will really help your child practise key number skills.

Next half term's topic

Our next topic will be Seaside and Pirates. Please email us or post on Twitter your questions about this topic so that we can plan learning that reflects your interests as well.



This week, our focus will be...

Rainforest people and their life

Observational Art

Create a shadow drawing using an object of your choice.



Reading, Phonics and Writing

- This week's story relating to our topic is 'Rumble in the Jungle'- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9W5upzGfFU>
- This week's poem from the Poetry basket is A Little Shell. (This is will be put on Twitter)
- Phonics Play – Each day please play a different game Monday - dragons den, Tuesday- buried treasure, Wednesday- picnic on Pluto, Thursday- rocket rescue, Friday - tricky words truck
- Writing – This week's focus is zig zag letters (v, w, x, z). Make sure that v, w, x all start with a diagonal line, not a straight line down. Perhaps you can use your maths skills to make a pattern as you practise these letters. Can you do a pattern with 2 letters? 3 letters? All 4 letters?

This week's investigation is 'Upside down glass of water trick' (See attached sheet)

Please show us how you got on by posting on Twitter or emailing the Class One email.

Miss Berry's challenge

"Happy Reporters" Be a happy reporter and send us a short video to class1@thrussington.leics.sch.uk about something that makes you happy while you are at home.

Maths

- Continue working on Numbots using the login given to you in week 1.
- Hide and Seek - Have a game of hide and seek to practise counting to 20. If your child is confident counting forwards, can they count backwards from 20-0 before searching?
- Subtraction smash – This will practise subtraction skills, recognising amounts without counting as well as writing numbers. (see separate sheet for an explanation.)
- Numeral squirt - Play numeral squirt with a washing up bottle or water pistol. Chalk numerals onto a wall or the pavement. Take turns to say a number and wash it away! You could extend this to include clues rather than the actual numeral e.g. squirt the number that is 1 more than..., 1 less than..., between 8 and 10, the total of 5+3. Use numbers to 10 or to 20, whichever is most appropriate to your child.
- Rainforest shop – See separate sheet

Topic Challenges for this week...

Use the Powerpoint that I have created, about the life of Boukou in the Baka tribe in Cameroon to learn about how his life is different to yours. Discuss what would be good about living like Boukou and what would be hard.

Try your hand at weaving – join 4 sticks together to make a frame. Tie lines of string or wool across it and find natural materials to weave in between.

