

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>. Login with the following details (username - march20, password – home) and play Phase 5 or Phase 6 games.

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.

You could join Joe Wicks in the morning -

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1/videos>.

Why not have a go at some of the moves we do with GoNoodle? - <https://www.gonoodle.com>. Clap it out, Banana, Banana, Meatball, Meow moo moo and Fabio's meatball run are our favourites.

You could even dance with Oti Mabuse -

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC58aowNEXHHnfIR_5YTiP4g

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=RD7zySLpeEUKM&v=1gUbdNbu6nk>

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've been doing. The photos, videos, posts on Twitter and emails we've 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 seeing what you're doing.

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.

Maths

Please continue to use the Numbots game. The quicker you are, the faster you move through the levels and challenge yourself more. Don't forget that you can use the same login to access Times Table Rockstars at <https://play.trockstars.com>. Year 2 children, this would be particularly beneficial for you.



This week, our focus will be...

Rainforest people and their life

Reading, Phonics and Writing

- This week's story relating to our topic is 'Rumble in the Jungle'- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9W5upzGfFU>
- Phonics - Compound Word Connect (see the separate sheet.)
- Grammar - Plural/3rd person Bingo (see the separate sheet.)
- Writing – Having looked at the Powerpoint about Boukou (see topic section) and the difficulties he is facing with the rainforest being destroyed, create your own poster called 'Save our rainforests'. What other problems might occur if the rainforests continue to be destroyed? You can use your artistic skills to create your poster or you can do it on the computer but there needs to be some writing to explain why rainforests should be saved.
- Handwriting – Continue from last week, practising writing some of your common exception words given in your 2nd pack of work before Easter. **Year 1** – Focus on the size of letters. Letters that are taller include l, t, k, h, b, f, d. Letters that hang under the line include p, g, j, y, q. All of the others letters should be small and sitting on the line. **Year 2** – Focus on the joining of your handwriting. Remember that letters like o, x, v, w join straight across in a horizontal line.

This week's challenge...

How many different items can you fit inside a yogurt pot? You can only use 1 of each item so think carefully about which items will be most suitable.



Maths

- Target number - Choose a number and try to think of 10 calculations that would make that number. They could use +, -, x or divide e.g. if it was 12, you could write 7+5, 15-3, 2x6 etc. Choose a different number each day.
- White Rose Home learning – Listen to the teaching video each day for Summer term week 5 - <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>
- Design a game - Create your own game inside or outside and decide how you will score this. It could be a skittles type game but different items knocked over, score different amounts or it could be a target game with a target board. You choose. Ask your family to come and play and add up their score.
- Hit the button – <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>. Choose the number bonds option and make 10, 20 or 100 (progress through these as you become confident and quick)
- Numbots/Times table rockstars – Please continue to use the login given to you to play.

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.

