



Purple Class Home Learning

Friday 8th March 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have continued about the Amazon Rainforest, using 'The Great Kapok Tree' to help us. We have thought about why the rainforest is important as well the ways in which we could help to save it. In Maths we have continued our learning about multiplication, using our knowledge of arrays to solve problems. In Science, we had fun digging up weeds so that we could study the different types of roots. We discussed their function before doing observational drawings. In RE we have been thinking about special times including birthdays, Christmas and Easter. We thought about the ways that we celebrate these occasions with our families. In Geography, we have used our knowledge of the Equator to predict which countries are hot and cold. We labelled the Arctic and Antarctic and began discussing these places in more detail. In Art we have created our own Romero Britto inspired artwork and compared his style with the work of Henri Matisse.

Please ensure that your child brings a rucksack or a book bag to school each day as this provides them with a safe place to store their belongings, including letters.

Next week we would like to make our own musical instruments. Any donations of junk modelling (e.g. butter boxes, Pringle tubes or plastic bottles) would be greatly appreciated.

Suggested homework ideas:

Reading: Please continue to read with your child for at least **15 minutes every day**, supporting them with their decoding and comprehension skills.

Phonics: This week's key phonemes, graphemes and tricky words are on the reverse of this letter. Please feel free to practise these with your child. You may also wish to visit websites such as: <http://www.ictgames.com> and <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk> to review any prior learning.

Spelling: We are continuing to encourage the pupils to spell all learnt tricky words within their written work correctly. As you know we are revising the Year 1 common exception words (words that are not written phonetically). Please encourage your child to practise the words from the spelling list in their green contact book. This week's focus spellings are: **so, by, my**. You may like to challenge your child to practise these words within sentences. Perhaps you could try practising with chalks, crayons, paints or by encouraging your child to type their sentence using a computer keyboard.

Mathletics: A range of activities on Mathletics have been made available for your child to complete. If you can not access Mathletics then your child could practise counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s, or 10s.

Homework: In relation to our Geography this term, your child could try to find out new information about Brazil and compare this to what they know about Kent e.g. Brazil is hot, and Kent is colder. Your child could record their ideas using pictures or words in their Busy Book.

Comic Relief: Next Friday, 15th March is Comic Relief - Our theme this year is 'Wild hair and red clothes' for a suggested donation of £1.00.

We wish you a lovely weekend.

Miss Seymour, Mrs Staines and Mrs Coles