



Dear Parents/Carers,

This term we are jetting off around the world to explore our wonderful and diverse rainforests.

Please see the homework grid below for how you can get involved this half term. We love seeing homework and positive points for completed tasks are always available.

Our reading has been showing some good progress this year so far; a special thanks for your hard work at home. Please keep this up and continue to sign your child's reading record daily.

Please also note our enriching Aspire programme of family tasks that you can share with us via the aspire@atlantic-aspirations.org inbox. We would love full Year 1 participation and at least two tasks from each of you this term. The more you do, the more stickers you can earn!

Remember you can contact us via the contact form on the school website if there is anything we can help with.

With best wishes,
Miss Jackson, Miss Chant, Mrs Latimer and Miss Gorrod.

OUR DRIVING QUESTION:

How can we, as botanists, discover the secrets of the Rainforests?

AS WRITERS we will be exploring the sights and sounds of the rainforest before moving on to writing from the POV of an animal from our class text 'The Great Kapok Tree'

AS MATHEMATICIANS we will be practising adding and subtracting within 20 and counting from 20 to 50. We will also be counting by making groups of ten.

AS GEOGRAPHERS we will learn about the rainforest.

AS COMPUTER SCIENTISTS we are learning to collect, handle and organise data.

AS ARTISTS we will be learning about colours, mixing and printing linked with the work of Henri Rousseau and the rainforest.

AS SCIENTISTS we will be exploring our planet through the plants that grow and the changes we can see within Spring. We will also be thinking about how we can care for our planet.

AS CITIZENS (PSHCE) we will learn how our behaviours affect others; how to look after our school environment and the money and its value.

AS RELIGIOUS INVESTIGATORS we will be exploring the religion of Islam focusing on Allah as the Islamic God and what influences the lunar calendar.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

AS SPORTS STARS we will be celebrating everything about Bats and Rackets! From under to overarm throwing, catching, batting and the fundamentals of

AS MUSICIANS we will be learning about rhythm with chants and composing our own three note melodies. We will also be practising counting the number of syllables in

- Please bring **PE kits on Mondays**.
- Please supply your child with a coat and water bottle **everyday**.
- Please bring your child in **full school uniform** including a **jumper**, a **tie** and black school **shoes**.

Termly homework

Please choose at least two of these projects to complete at home and bring into school or email us a photo for us to display.



Whilst outside, close your eyes and imagine that you are standing in the middle of a rainforest. Write or draw to show what you imagine that you will hear, see, smell and feel.

Use your keyboard skills to log into Lexia and Numbots at home. Your login sheets are in your reading records.

Create a poster about your favourite rainforest animal - include pictures and some interesting facts.

Complete a game of [real or alien](#) on Phonics Play once a week.

Create 'animal tracks' by drawing, printing or making imprints in mud.



Home Task: Research how we can stop polluting the sea.

With an adult, visit a local park and create some bark-rubbing art.

Take pictures to show the life cycle of a plant.

Take some of your rubbish from home to the recycling centre and have a look at how it is all separated.