

Koala Class Newsletter Term 5

What a busy, exciting term last term was. I was so proud of each and every one of them for how they settled back into classroom life and for the learning that they did. This term, you won't be surprised to hear that we are going to be equally busy as we take the children on a journey to the continent of South America and we learn about the climate and culture of Brazil before entering the Amazon rainforest. Here we will learn about life in the rainforest, different eco-systems and the impact of deforestation on the worlds climate. This term will also see the children continue with their swimming and recorder playing, with Kent Schools for Music. In DT we will be exploring levers and linkages so if you are able to donate any thin card (Easter Egg box or cereal box thickness) it would very much be appreciated.

Curriculum Term 5 Overview:

English	Biographies - Coming to England by Floella Benjamin Newspaper Reports (based on The Iron Man) Poetry
Maths	Measures - Money and Time Decimals Statistics
Topic	Brilliant Brazil - inc Rainforest
Science	Living things and habitats (classification)
RE	Why is Jesus Inspiring to some people?
DT	Levers and Linkages
Computing	We are co-authors : Rainforest
PE	Swimming Athletics
Music	Kent Schools for Music - Recorders
PSHCE	Healthy Relationships

Daily Reading:

- We are really impressed with the improvement of the regularity of how often children are reading at home. We have 21 children regularly (at least 4 times per week) **AND** signing their reading record. Please encourage your child to keep this up and hand their reading record books in every day. Regular reading makes such as significance difference to your child's learning and it also means they can enter our class reading raffle and have the chance to win a £5 book voucher. Thank you for your continuing support with this.



Forest School:

This term, there will also be an opportunity for those children who were unable to attend our previous Forest School sessions to participate in them. More details, with dates etc will follow in due course.

Messages:

- The children will undertake a table challenge / mental maths test on a Tuesday. Spellings will be completed every week on a Friday.
- Please encourage your child to bring in their **water bottle** each day, especially as the warmer weather approaches, so that we can ensure they are drinking enough during the day. Due to the current situation, we do not have cups available in our classroom.
- Remember that your child may bring in **fresh fruit and/or vegetables** as a playtime snack each day, but remember that nuts must not be brought into school as we have a number of children and adults with severe nut allergies.
- This term we will be going swimming on a Wednesday and our other PE slot every **Thursday**. We would ask that your child comes to school on both days.
- Please make sure everything is labelled with your child's name, this helps us and your child, especially at the end of break and lunchtimes.
- Home time - The children will be brought out to the playground at 3:10pm. **Please let us know if anyone other than the usual person is collecting them after school.**

Thank you for your continuing support with your child's learning and as always, if you have any questions or problems, please feel free to email me at claire.crozier@ryarsh.kent.sch.uk where I can either arrange a phone call or schedule a Zoom meeting.

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Mrs Taplin

Miss Charlton

Mrs Morgan

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