



# Mansfield Primary Academy

## The Attenboroughs' Class Newsletter



### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope everybody had a fantastic Christmas and a lovely New Year. We are excited to start the new term and we have lots of exciting topics planned. Our new topic this term is 'Rainforests' and we will be focusing on this throughout most of our lessons. In English, we will be writing non-chronological reports about rainforests and deforestation, in history we will be learning about the Mayan creation story, and in science we will be looking in depth at plants and living things.

### Times Table Rockstars

We are still using the Times Table Rockstars app to practise our times tables. We would highly encourage, if possible, every child to access this at home. They all have their own log in and their times tables have already been set for them. It is a great way to practise the tables we have been learning at school and the children find it a fun and interactive way to learn.

### English

This term, linking to our topic of 'Rainforests', we will be using the text 'The Vanishing Rainforest'. We will be exploring the effect of deforestation and writing a non-chronological report about this. We will use subheadings and other organisational features to do this and use our own research to write a detailed report about deforestation. We will then move onto poetry, which will also link to rainforests, before finally looking at narratives and writing our own adventure stories.

### Rainbow Grammar

Having started using Rainbow Grammar at the beginning of the year, we will continue to use it for all pieces of writing throughout this term. We will build on our previous knowledge and what we learnt last term, so that we can continue to develop our sentence structure and progress in our writing.

## Maths

This term, we will continue working on our Maths No Problem scheme. We will be moving onto multiplication and division, then we will move onto length and mass.

Alongside this, we will be continuing to learn our times tables. When we have the opportunity we will try to use times table rockstars in school, however it is most beneficial for the children if they can access this at home. This will help consolidate previous learning and support new learning.



## PE Kits

PE will be on a **Monday and Friday**, so please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on these days. However, PE could take place at any time, so it's easier if your child brings their PE kit in on a Monday and leaves it in school all week to take home Friday for washing, ready for the following week.



## Reading books

Reading books are changed and reading records checked everyday. Please ensure you write a comment in your child's reading diary so we can see the page they are up to or when they have completed their book, otherwise they will not be able to change it.

It is your child's responsibility to change their book once an adult has checked their reading record.

## Dates for your diary

7th January - Back to school

11th -14th February— Book Fair 3.15pm— 4.00pm

14th February - Last day of Spring term 1

17th — 21st Half term break

24th February - Back to school

5th March— World Book Day

3rd April - Break up for Easter

20th April - Back to school

**Please check newsletters/website for extra dates**

## Science

Throughout this term, we will be looking closely at plants and animals. We will conduct experiments and use our investigation skills to look into different scientific topics.

We look forward to starting the Spring term and learning exciting new things all about Rainforests!