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AUTUMN 2017 - Newsletter 1



Sicklinghall Superstars!



Congratulations to everyone who has received a Special Mention Certificate this week:

Anna Brotheridge

Sophie Everett

Martha Clegg

Fraser Perry

Amber Hewines

Woody Medcalf

Jvie Ward

Victoria Kunz

Callum Wood

George Park



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Happy new school year! It has been brilliant to hear all of the children's news and stories of what they have enjoyed over the summer. It is so lovely to have them back in school and to hear the buzz of happy chatter along our corridors and in the playground once again.

We warmly welcome new starters and their families to Sicklinghall this week. In Reception, we welcome Amelia, Alice, Oscar, Brogan, Sebastian, William, & Lilly and their families into school. In Yr3, we welcome Sophie (Oscar's big sister). We also welcome a new colleague to our team, Mr Morris, our new Yr5 & Yr6 Willow class teacher.

Next week, you will receive a 'guide to Sicklinghall School' which we hope will contain all of the day to day information that you will require to effectively support your child's learning and progress during their time at our school. If you would like any specific information including in this publication (e.g. explanation of lunchtime routines, homework expectations) please e-mail admin@sicklinghall.n-yorks.sch.uk with your suggestion/s.

Furthermore, if you have any questions about any aspect of school life, please do not hesitate to catch your child's class teacher at the end of the school day. Alternatively I am available every Monday, Thursday and alternate Wednesdays in Sicklinghall School or, via telephone at Goldsborough School Tel. number: 01423 862 617; or via the above e-mail address: Replace 'admin' with 'headteacher' for my direct e-mail contact.
M. Shillito

EVENTS FOR 2017/2018- SAVE THE DATES!

Please see below dates of some of the key events taking place this academic year.

Harvest Service - Friday 29th September 2017 at St Peter's Church, Sicklinghall, 2.30pm. Further details to follow.

Class Assemblies (an opportunity to see your child's class share some of the learning that has taken place across the curriculum that term)

Willow Class- Monday 6th November 2017 and Monday 19th March 2018, 3pm

Silver Birch Class- Wednesday 8th November 2017 and Thursday 22nd March 2018, 3pm

Cherry Blossom Class- Thursday 16th November 2017 and Wednesday 21st March, 3pm

Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

Monday 6 November 2017: 6.00-8.00pm

Thursday 9 November 2017: 3.45-5.30pm

Monday 5 February 2018: 3.45-5.30pm

Thursday 8 February 2018: 6.00-8.00pm

Information Evening for Parents and Carers- Wednesday 27th September, 6pm to 7pm in classrooms

This meeting, led by each class teacher in their own classroom, focuses on aspects of learning, classroom organisation and ways in which you can support your child to make great progress at home. We encourage all parents/carers to attend this meeting which will give you an insight into the resources used to support your child's progress, the level at which s/he is working and strategies that can be used for getting the most from homework activities.

Church Christmas Service followed by the German Christmas Market - Thursday 14th December 2017 Carols around the Tree - Friday 22nd December 2017

Residentials

Year 2/3 Sleepover: Thur 28-Fri 29 June 2018

Year 4 Residential to Bewerley Park: Wed 18-Fri 20 April 2018 - see below

Year 5/6 Thai Exchange Visit: Thur 8-Fri 16 February 2018

Year 6 Residential to Fellside, Cumbria: Mon 18-Fri 22 June 2018 - see below

Other Events

Yr6 SATS: w/c 14 May 2018

Sports Day: Thursday 14 June 2018 (Reserve date Wed 27 June 2018)

Summer Production: July 2018: Dates TBC

Leavers' Assembly: Friday 20th July 2018



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Further details of each of the new events will be published in future newsletters.

A Big Thank You from all of the Staff

The staff team would like to say a really big Thank You to all of the children, parents and families for their very kind words, wishes and gifts given at the end of the Summer Term. It means a lot to us all and we are very grateful, thank you.

Sicklinghall School- a Nut Free Environment

As you will be aware, we strive to make sure that our school is a nut free environment. This is due to a number of pupils living with a severe allergy to nuts or nut products. We kindly ask all parents and carers to be extra vigilant in ensuring:

1. No nuts, nut bars or products that contain nuts are brought into school by any child, either as part of his/her lunch or as a snack. (this could include flapjacks, chocolate biscuits, cereal/muesli bars, fruit bags, pesto in salad)
2. Parents/carers ensure that, if cakes are brought in for a child's birthday, no nuts or nut products are used in baking.
3. Families are vigilant in ensuring that any creative homework activity that involves junk modelling or use of packaging does not include packaging from a nut based product (e.g. Crunchy Nut Cornflake box).
4. Pupils are reminded not to share their snacks or items in their lunch box with their friends.

We thank you for your co-operation as we continue to aspire to fully meet every pupil's needs whilst in school.

Attendance

Regular attendance is vital if pupils are to achieve well in school. Pupils with high attendance are more likely to meet the high expectations of the national curriculum and less likely to develop 'gaps' in their learning. The North Yorkshire average for primary school attendance is 96.3% and our school attendance target is 97%.

Of course, there are times when your child needs to be kept off school due to illness (for example, due to a sickness bug) but please be assured that if your child is feeling a little 'off colour' first thing in a morning, staff

would call home if s/he was not well enough to be in school.

Each week, we celebrate good attendance on this newsletter by publishing each year group's attendance figure. The year group with the highest attendance wins a point and the year group with the most points at the end of the half term is given a prize in assembly. The list below puts attendance figures into context for your information:

100%- attended every day

95%- average of one day off per month (10 school days missed in the school year)

90% average of one day off per fortnight (20 school days missed in the year)

Below 90%- classed as 'persistent absentee'. Families who have a child with attendance below 90% may receive a visit from North Yorkshire County Council's Education Welfare team to look at what support can be put in place to raise attendance.

LETTERS HOME - IMPORTANT

Please find inside your Friday Folders today the following:

1. To All Pupils, YrR - Yr6 - Pupil Premium/Universal Infant Free School Meals

Please see separate letter in Friday Folders. Please could application forms be completed if applicable *and returned to the address/as indicated on the letter* by **next Friday, 15 September 2017**. Thank you.

2. To All Pupils, YrR - Yr6 - Data Collection Sheets.

Please could parents check, amend any details where necessary, sign and date the form at the bottom and then return the form to the school office by **next Friday, 15 September 2017**.

3. To Pupils in Yr1-Yr6 Pupils - Rolling Consent Forms.

Please read, sign and return to the school office by **next Friday, 15 September 2017**.

4. To Pupils in Yr3 only - KS2 Home-School Internet User Agreement.

Please read with your child, sign and return to the school office by **next Friday, 15 September 2017**.



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TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS - PLEASE NOTE: Home-School Agreement Documents

Home School Agreements previously signed and returned to school remain in place during your child's time in school. Should parents/carers wish to change their response to any statements contained within the agreement, we ask that you please notify the school office before **next Friday, 15 September 2017**.

Use of Photographs- Consent

We currently hold a signed Photograph Consent Form for all of our pupils. The responses contained within this consent remain in place whilst your child attends Sicklinghall School. If you wish to alter your response to any of the statements on the photo consent form, please request a new photo consent form from the school office or download a copy from the school website.

Could we also remind you to inform us of any changes to contact details, mobile phone numbers etc, if and when they arise throughout the year.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Residential Visits- 2017/2018

Residential school visits play a major part in a primary pupil's development- confidence grows, new skills are discovered, existing skills are developed and friendships strengthened. At Sicklinghall, we are committed to providing a progression of such visits that enables children to build on their previous experience. This academic year, the following experiences are planned:

Year 2/3- A one night 'Sleepover' for Sicklinghall pupils only, based at a Scout Camp in the area. Dates to be confirmed but likely to be in June 2018. Costs in the region of £40.

Year 4- A joint two night, three day residential to Bewerley Park with Goldsborough's Y4 pupils. The dates have been booked for **Wednesday 18-Friday 20 April 2018**. We anticipate the cost to be in the region of £190.00.

Year 6- A joint four night, five day residential to Fellside Centre, Cumbria, with Goldsborough Y6s. The

dates have been provisionally booked for **Monday-Friday, w/c 18 June 2018**. Provisional costs for this visit will be advised in due course.

Year 5/6 Thai Exchange Visit: Thur 8-Fri 16 February 2018 - details provided in additional meetings for parents interested in their child attending.

Willow SWIMMING LESSONS in 2017/2018

Autumn Term swimming lessons begin **next Monday 11 September 2017**, up to and including **Monday 18 December 2017**. Please remember your swimming kits every Monday!

The ParentPay payment service for these lessons is now available for your payments. Thank you.

School Photos - Adventure Photography

Adventure Photography will be in school on **Monday 18 September 2017** to take individual pupil photographs. Anyone wishing to have a family photograph taken with younger siblings please advise the school office beforehand and arrive at school for 8.30am as these photographs will be taken between 8.30-8.50am.

Key Experience Letters

Please see below Key Experience Letters for each class.

Ukulele Lessons 2017-2018 -Yr5 & Yr6 Willow Pupils

We have received our delivery of Ukuleles in school. As previously mentioned, once payment has been received via ParentPay your child may take their instrument home. Ukulele lessons begin for Yr5 & Yr6 with Mr Hills, next **Thursday 14 September 2017**.

We kindly request that parents/carers make a voluntary contribution towards your child's music lessons of £15.00 per term, per child, a total of £45.00 for the full academic year. These contributions can be paid in instalments via the UKulele ParentPay service which is now set up and available for payments. Thank you.



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New Arrangement - Reminder

Fruit Snacks for Years 3-6 (KS2)

With immediate effect as advised in newsletters at the end of last term, pupils in Years 3-6 wishing to have a mid-morning snack are now able to bring in a piece of fruit from home each day, as the Fruity Booty scheme will not be continuing this year. Thank you.

Daily fruit/veg snacks for KS1 pupils will remain unchanged.

PE Lessons/After School Sport

A reminder that from **next Monday, 11 September**, Mr Finch will be in school coaching PE lessons on Monday afternoons and will also run his **after school Sports Club** for **KS2 children (Years 3-6) from 3.30-4.30pm** on Mondays. Anyone wishing to attend the after school Sports Club - please complete and return consent slip below. Thank you.

Class PE Lessons

In addition to the Monday afternoon sports coaching session provided by Mr Finch, children will be taking part in class PE lessons each week at the following times:

Cherry Blossom: Monday and Wednesday afternoon

Silver Birch: Monday and Friday afternoon

Willow: Monday afternoon - Swimming lesson & Thursday afternoon

Please ensure your child's kit is in school.

ParentPay

Thank you for payments already received for various services. Please ensure that your child's lunch account is in credit before lunches are taken and that your child's Chill Out Zone account is also in credit before places are booked.

Please may we ask that you check your child's balances for the various trips, clubs, water bottles and services taken to ensure that and any outstanding balances are paid accordingly.

Payment services are available for:

NEW - Ukulele Lessons - Yr5&Yr6 for Sept 2017

NEW - Willow Swimming Lessons for Sept 2017

NEW - Swimming Lessons for SB & CB classes

Breakfast Club

Chill Out Zone

Please make payments accordingly if applicable for your child. Thank you.

Music Lessons

Mrs Hanson will be in school starting **Monday, 11 September** for music lessons from 9am.

Mr Waugh will be in school to teach piano/keyboard lessons next **Monday, 11 September**, from 10am.

Mrs Roberts will be in school to teach violin lessons next **Thursday 11 September**, from 11.30am.

Please remember your instruments next week!

All Parents/Carers - please note: To find out about music lessons provided by NYCC Music Hub please see the following website:

www.northyorkshireremusicclub.co.uk. If your child is interested you will be able to apply for lessons using the online form. Alternatively please telephone 01609 532 783.

Lost Property

As a small school, we believe that, with a little encouragement, training and support of our pupils, we are able to ensure that belongings are quickly reunited with their owners rather than being taken straight to a lost property basket. Staff will encourage and gently remind pupils to work together in looking after their equipment and clothing in school. We ask parents and carers to ensure that **all clothing** is labelled with your child's name or initials so that, if lost, it can be easily identified. We have placed a 'Sharpie' pen by the parent/carer noticeboard inside the pupil entrance should you wish to label any items in the coming days.



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Open Events - Secondary Schools

For your information the following Open Events will be taking place:

Harrogate Grammar School

Open Morning (FOR PARENTS/CARERS ONLY)

Wednesday 13 September 2017. Two identical sessions:

Session 1: 9.10am - 10.40am

Session 2: 11.20am - 12.50pm

Open Evenings (for parents and children) at 6.30pm on:

Tuesday 3 October 2017

Wednesday 4 October 2017

For further information contact Tel. 01423 531 127

e: mail@harrogategrammar.co.uk

www.harrogategrammar.co.uk

* Please also see attached letter applicable to all Year 5/6 pupils.

Courses- Introduction to Working In Schools

Please see attached flier for anyone interested in gaining qualifications for employment as a teaching assistant in primary or secondary schools

Friday Folders

Please could you ensure that your Friday Folders are returned to the school **on Mondays of each week**. Please ask your child to hand it to their class teacher. Thank you.

Spotted

This week, Mr Shillito has spotted the following children in and around school this week:

Cherry Blossom- Oscar E for such a great start to his new school. His lovely manners were spotted, too.

Silver Birch- Harvey H for starting the term so well. He's setting a great example for others to follow.

Willow- Louie S for such a positive and enthusiastic start to the term. Your attitude is infectious, Louie!

Attendance Aces

Each Thursday, we award an attendance point to the year group with the highest attendance figure in the school.

WOW! Congratulations to all years with 100% A brilliant start! Well done!

Year Group	This Week (%)	Half Term Points
Reception	100	1
Year 1	100	1
Year 2	100	1
Year 3	100	1
Year 4	100	1
Year 5	100	1
Year 6	100	1



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SCHOOL DIARY DATES TO KEEP - 2017-2018

Autumn Term 1 - September-October 2017

Swimming for Willow class every Monday: 11 Sept-18 Dec

Forest School Club-Autumn Term 1:

Mondays 3.30-4.30pm on 11/18/25 Sept & 02/09/16 Oct

Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm on 14/21/28 Sept & 05/12/19 Oct

Ukulele lessons for Yr5 & 6 every Thursday afternoon, starting Thursday 14 September 2017-July 2018

Mon 11 Sept-Mon 18 Dec: Willow Swimming lessons

w/c Mon 11 Sept: Music lessons begin

Mon 11 Sept: 3.30-4.30pm Mr Finch's Sports Club (KS2 pupils)

Mon 18 Sept: 8.30-8.45 Adventure Photography-sibling photos

Mon 18 Sept: 9.00am Adventure Photography-individual pupil photos

Mon 18 Sept: 3.30-4.30pm Mr Finch's Sports Club (KS2 pupils)

Mon 25 Sept: 3.30-4.30pm Mr Finch's Sports Club (KS2 pupils)

Wed 27 Sept: 6-7pm Parent/Carer Information Meetings

Fri 29 Sept: 2.30pm Harvest service, St Peter's Church

Tue 31 Oct- Mon 6 Nov: Travelling Book Fair in school

Mon 02 Oct: 3.30-4.30pm Mr Finch's Sports Club (KS2 pupils)

Mon 09 Oct: 3.30-4.30pm Mr Finch's Sports Club (KS2 pupils)

Mon 16 Oct: 3.30-4.30pm Mr Finch's Sports Club (KS2 pupils)

Fri 20 Oct: School closes for half term

Mon 30 Oct: School reopens to pupils

Autumn Term 2

Mon 6 Nov: 3pm Willow class assembly

Mon 6 Nov: 6.00-8.00pm Parent/Carer Consultation evening

Wed 8 Nov: 3pm Silver Birch class assembly

Thur 9 Nov: 3.45-5.30pm Parent/Carer Consultation evening

Thur 16 Nov: 3pm Cherry Blossom class assembly

Thur 14 Dec: 1.30-2.30pm Christmas Church Service & German Market, school hall

Fri 22 Dec: 2pm Carols around the Christmas Tree

Fri 16 Dec: **2.30pm** School closes for Christmas holiday (NO COZ provision)

Spring Term 1

Swimming for Silver Birch class every Monday: 15 Jan-26 Mar 2018

Mon 8 Jan: Staff Training Day-School Closed to pupils

Tues 9 Jan: School re-opens

Mon 5 Feb: 3.45-5.30pm Parent/Carer Consultation evening

Thur 8 Feb: 6.00-8.00pm Parent/Carer Consultation evening

Thur 8-Fri16 Feb: Yr5/6 Thai Exchange Visit

Fri 9 Feb: School closes for half term

Spring Term 2

Mon 19 Feb: School re-opens

Mon 19 Mar: 3pm Willow class assembly

Wed 21 Mar: 3pm Cherry Blossom class assembly

Thur 22 Mar: 3pm Silver Birch class assembly

Thur 29 Mar: School closes for Easter holiday

Summer Term 1

Swimming for Cherry Blossom class every Monday: 23 Apr-16 Jul 2018

Mon 16 Apr: Staff Training Day-School Closed to pupils

Tue 17 Apr: School re-opens

Wed 18-Fri20 Apr: Yr4 Residential-Bewerley Park

Fri 25 May: School closes for half term

Summer Term 2

Mon 4 Jun: School re-opens

Thur 14 Jun: 2pm Sports Day (reserve date Wed 27 Jun)

Mon 18-Fri 22 Jun: Yr6 Residential-Fellside

Wed 27 Jun: 2pm RESERVE date-Sports Day

Thur 28-Fri 29 Jun: (PROVISIONAL)Yr2/3 Sleepover-TBC

Fri 20 Jul: 1.30pm Leavers assembly

Fri 20 Jul: **2.30pm** School closes for Summer holiday (NO COZ provision)

Mr Shillito's weekly diary for September/October 2017:

w/c	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
w/c 11.09.17	SCPS	G'B	G'B	SCPS	G'B
w/c 18.09.17	SCPS	G'B	SCPS	SCPS	G'B
w/c 25.09.17	SCPS	G'B	G'B	SCPS	G'B
w/c 02.10.17	SCPS	G'B	SCPS	G'B	SCPS

Please note this may be subject to change

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Mr Finch's After School SPORTS CLUB (KS2) Consent Slip Academic Year 2017-2018

My child/ren:.....
would like to attend **Sports Club** on Monday afternoons during the Academic Year 2017-2018 between 3.30-4.30pm

Parent's signature.....

Date.....

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Cherry Blossom Key Experiences Autumn 1 2017
Reception/ Year One.

Literacy



In Literacy we will begin with a three week block looking at poetry and exploring Nursery Rhymes. The children in Foundation Stage will be encouraged to listen to rhymes and begin to explore characters and stories within the text. Year 1 children will focus on the structure of the rhyme and begin to look at patterns in the poetry.

For the remainder of the half term, we will focus on stories with familiar settings. Children will be able to draw upon their own experiences and will have a basis from which to participate in class discussions. Opportunities will be given to develop understanding through a range of drama techniques and role-play, and the children will be encouraged to re-enact the stories.

In year 2 the children will also start the term with poetry, looking at acrostic poems as a very visual way of writing poetry. Their poems will tie in with the afternoon topic- Ourselves. After finishing poetry, we will embark on two pieces of work which will link with our class book: THE BFG. First, we will create recipes for dreams as our non-fiction writing, and then we will move onto stories with a familiar setting and we will base a part of our class book at home. In grammar we will start with recapping uses of punctuation and then we will move onto nouns, verbs and adjectives.



Numeracy

In Numeracy, we will introduce some of the number systems; taking the children's learning forward from number work experienced in Early Years pre-school settings. For Year One children, we will be building on the work carried out in their Reception year; this will help to reinforce and embed the children's learning. We will be counting, partitioning and calculating with particular emphasis on addition and subtraction. Please make sure to ask your child what they are learning about in school, so that you can support and help to boost their learning at home.

Year two's will start this term with comparing and ordering numbers up to 100, and will be investigating using the greater than and less than symbol. We will then move onto place value, and then finally, just before half term, we will be looking at using mental strategies and more formal methods to solve addition and subtraction sums. Our mental maths focus will be on times tables, starting with 2's, 5's and 10's, and also, number bonds. Please encourage the children to practice their times tables at home to aid their recall of key facts.

Theme



For our theme this half term, our topic will be 'Ourselves.' The children will begin to learn how we use our senses to explore the world around us. We will begin to describe the importance for humans to exercise,



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have good hygiene and eat the right foods. There will be lots of fun hands-on practical activities to help us to expand our scientific knowledge and understanding.

Important Note! Please read, read, read with your child at home! It really does make a huge difference to their learning and impacts on every aspect of the curriculum. A few minutes spent each evening with your child will enrich their lives greatly and yours!



Each week your child will receive homework. The activities are designed to be fun and consolidate the learning in school. Much of it does not require any written evidence but if you write a quick note in your child's planner telling us how they got on, it will be much appreciated.

Many thanks.

Mrs Grafton, Mrs Clayton, Mrs Johnson-Ware and Miss Potter



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Key Experience Letter –Autumn (1) 2017 – Year 3/4 – Silver Birch Class

Welcome to the start of our new academic year! I do hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday.

I have been looking forward to starting this new academic year as some really exciting learning will be taking place in our class over the coming terms.

Once again, I am pleased to be teaching Silver Birch class ensuring pupils are set high personal and academic expectations whilst they really enjoy their time in our class and school.

So, what's happening this Half Term...

Literacy

This half term we will focus on 'Stories with familiar settings' where we will put a particular emphasis in creating engaging characters for our writing. We will then move onto recounts, where we will compare different pieces of writing and evaluate their features to then write our own. In English we will also put a particular focus on spellings, where daily lessons will be taking place across the academic year.

Numeracy

In maths we will be reviewing our previous knowledge on the number system to then extend our understanding and confidence when working with larger numbers. We will then look in depth into addition and subtraction and link our understanding of these operations to problem solving more complex (2 or more step) word problems.

History

'Ancient Greece'

In this unit we will learn about who the Ancient Greek people were, when they lived and where and how they were able to establish their empire. We will also understand how the political system worked in Ancient Greece, investigate the legacy of Athenian Democracy and compare it with the political systems we have today. The pupils will compare and contrast the modern day Olympics with the Ancient Greek events too.

Art & DT

Mr Morris will be our ART and DT teacher this year. He will engage the pupils in exciting, interesting and creative art lessons weekly throughout the year.

PSHCE

Our theme is 'Me and my relationships'. In this unit we will acknowledge that others have different points of view and we will also discuss different people's life goals.

Spanish

In Spanish we will be learning about food vocabulary, how to order food in a restaurant and expressing likes and dislikes about food.

R.E & Music

This half term in R.E we will be studying People of Faith.

In music pupils will learn about recording music and songs related to the Harvest Festival.

P.E

Appropriate outdoor P.E kit will be required every Monday and Friday.

Homework

Homework will be sent out on Thursday to be completed and returned to school by Tuesday. This will comprise of - weekly spelling practise, a set reading book and a third piece of maths homework.

I hope this information is useful to all of you. Should you have any queries or doubts whatsoever please feel free to speak with me at the school.

Kind regards, **Ms Gimeno**



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Dear Parents,

Y5/6 Welcome Newsletter

Welcome back to Year 5/6! I hope you had an amazing summer break, and that your child has enjoyed their first few days back in school.

Willow class are starting the year off with the theme 'Rainforests'; we will be linking the majority of our subject objectives to this theme. Attached behind this letter is an overview of what we plan to look at in class over the coming weeks. If you would like any more detail on these please feel free to pop in and ask!

To support them in making the most of Year 5/6, allow me to outline some key routines which I would be grateful for your support in establishing:

- P.E. Please ensure that your child has their full kit (including trainers) all week in case the lesson has to be moved for convenience.
- Swimming will be this term on Monday afternoons, starting next week!
- Homework each week will be set on Thursday and due to be completed by Tuesday. This will include a Maths task, reading and regular practice of spellings (tested on Thursday).

I look forward to meeting all of you – please feel free to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Mr Morris

Literacy

Initially, we will be looking at traditional stories: comparing traditional tales from our culture with traditional tales from other cultures, and composing our own tales – taking inspiration from Rudyard Kipling's theme-relevant 'The Jungle Book' and 'Just So' stories. We will then progress onto some sensory writing for a diary entry as a jungle explorer, before turning our attentions to creating a range of persuasive texts relating to the theme. Finally, we will be acquainting ourselves with the features of information texts for our 'How to' bush craft survival guides.

Numeracy

Mapping skills are used as a thematic focus in Maths this half term in accordance with the rainforest exploration theme, so we will be looking at area and perimeter, coordinates and angles. Place value to 10 million and calculations will be a running focus on a weekly basis throughout this half term and our attention will turn to problem solving towards the end.

Science

We will begin by looking at the classification of plants and animals before considering adaptation and evolution – initially in the context of the rainforest, then branching out to look at alternative species and habitats. We will also look at the use of classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things.

Computing

Computing will predominantly be used this half term for research and presentational purposes. E-safety will therefore be visited in order to ensure safe browsing. Branching databases will feature at the beginning of the term alongside 'plants and animals of the rainforest' in Science. This will be used to form an understanding of how algorithm works.



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Art & DT

The class will learn the technique of pebbling and printing on a mass- scale to transform the classroom into a rainforest! Our attentions will then be turned to learning an art technique for layering sketches with different levels of foreground and background. This will be used to design and create a rainforest-themed cam toy for our DT project this term.

Music

'Sounds of the Rainforest' compositions will begin the year, with the children also considering how to record their creations on paper. We will also look at existing rainforest compositions and tribal music, consider its features, and try to recreate it in the classroom.

RE/PSHCE

The predominant focus this half term will be on thinking of others. In relation to the rainforest theme, this will entail a consideration of indigenous peoples of the rainforest: their spiritual beliefs and the impact on their way of life by deforestation and interaction with the outside world, and others affected by the practice. We will also consider who decides 'what is right and what is wrong' from different religious perspectives – Christianity and Humanism will take the forefront here and this will again be placed in the thematic context.

Geography

Willow class will be looking at both physical and human geography this half term. We will become acquainted with the whereabouts, the climate, the features and the uses of rainforests, and will develop relevant mapping skills. We will also learn about the rainforest's indigenous peoples, globalisation, and the challenge of preserving ancient rainforests and traditional ways of life.

History

In History, we will comparing the uses and state of the rainforest over the years and contemplating its future.

P.E

We will be developing our swimming skills this term at Knaresborough Pool. Here at school the children will be taking part in PE lessons every Thursday.