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### Spring Term 2019 2020

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas, happy new year and welcome back!

This term I am looking forward to leading Harborne Class on a journey through the rainforest. As we venture through the different layers we will encounter creatures that live there and look closely at the range of plants that can be found. We also hope to meet some pioneering plant hunters and local tribes. After learning the importance of the rainforests and writing to inform and entertain others along the way, we will discover some of the threats the rainforests currently face and write to persuade others to help us save them.

#### Homework

##### Topic

The topic homework web for this term will be stuck in the children's homework books. It would be great if they could complete 6 pieces over the term and either stick them into their homework book, bring them into school, or print a photograph of what they have done. It is always nice for the children to have a chance to share their creativity and achievements so at the end of each short term time will be given for the children to share their work with each other - obviously if something will not keep until then we can share along the way too. I'm looking forward to seeing what the children produce and find out!

##### Maths

Please find a letter detailing the Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) appropriate for your child's year group. These are designed to support the development of the mental skills that underpin much of the mathematics' work in school, so working on these at home would be highly beneficial. Times table knowledge is also essential in most areas of the Maths curriculum so continuing with Times Table Rockstars at home is very important. If you have forgotten your child's login please just ask.

##### Spellings

Spellings will continue to be learnt in school and practised each day. The lists will be on the school website so that the children can do extra practise at home if they would like.



## Reading

Reading is a highly valuable vehicle to stimulate children's imagination and expand their knowledge of the world. Through reading children are also able to improve their vocabulary, communication and grammar. Therefore, it is essential children read often and continue to read, or be read to, once they can fluently decode. Books which are slightly too challenging for your child to read themselves are perfect to read to them to widen their vocabulary and range of reading experiences. If possible, reading either their coloured book band book or library book 4 times a week is ideal. Please use the ideas on your child's book mark as a basis for asking them questions. Please record when whole books are read in your child's homework book.

The children will continue to have PE on Wednesday afternoons, please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled. PE lessons are regularly outside, so please make sure your child has trainers and a warm tracksuit top and bottoms.

A freshly filled, labelled water bottle needs to be in school every day. We have drinking water in the class so the children can refill their bottles during the day and have access to drinking water when needed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries either in the morning, after school or via the school office - I am really looking forward to working with the children and getting to know you all.

Mr Wise  
Harborne Class Teacher

