



AMERICAS CLASS NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the jungle! This half term, we have started our new Journey of Discovery: **Rainforests, Rivers and Reefs**. Our expedition will take us through the diverse landscapes of South America as we explore the wonderful and wildly varied physical and human geographical features of this unique continent.

English

In English, we will be developing our adventure story writing, using the book, 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell as inspiration. As this will also be our 'Book Talk' text, the children will be delving deep into the characters and plot of this captivating and memorable story. We are already excited to read the children's finished texts later in the half term, which we will be sure to share with you.

Maths

In Maths, we are kicking off with measurement, focussing on area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes. Later in the term, we will be studying statistics, decimals and geometry. We also continue our daily arithmetic to help support our mathematical fluency and ensure skills and knowledge across the curriculum are kept fresh.

Please continue to encourage your child to keep practising their times tables daily, as it is important that they can readily recall the multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 to support their maths learning.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about the classification of animals and plants, as well as focussing on evolution and inheritance.

Geography

We will be finding out about different physical geographical features in South America as well as the impact that people are having on the environment.



PE

This term our PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please continue to send your child into school in their PE kit on these days. Our PE kit consists of:

- Jade or white T-shirt, with or without the school logo
- Black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms
- Round-necked sweatshirt – this can be any colour but must be plain. No hoodies/zips/football tops please.
- Earrings must be removed (before school if your child is unable to remove their own).

Music

We will continue to have our clarinet lessons every Tuesday. The class are making encouraging progress but must ensure instruments are brought into school every Monday and practiced at home, especially with the WCET festival coming up this term.

Reading Records

Please continue to remind your child to record their reading in their Reading Records. This enables us to have an overview of what they are reading, helping us to recommend other books they may enjoy and to monitor if support is needed with reading stamina.

As always, please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any questions, comments or concerns. Please feel free to catch us at the end of the day, at collection time, and we can either meet then or arrange a convenient time.

Mr Marwood and Mrs Beers

Key Dates

Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday

Friday 22nd May: PD Day

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May: Half Term

Tuesday 23rd June: WCET Festival

Wednesday 1st July: Museum of Zoology Trip

Wednesday 8th July: Sports Day

Monday 13th July: Reports

Wednesday 15th July: Move up morning

Friday 17th July: Last day of term



