*Spring Term 2018 - ‘Jungles and Rainforest’s*

Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a relaxing Christmas holiday and I look forward to hearing all about the children’s break!

**English**

We will continue to follow the Read Write Inc program for Phonics and English this term. This incorporates phonics, handwriting, guided reading, spelling and independent writing. The children will also focus on the storybook ‘Beegu’ this term. With this text we will take part in role play, sequencing, writing letters, instructions and much more.

**Maths**

This term we will start with addition and subtraction then move onto place value (including multiples of 2, 5 and 10). Later in the term we will start looking at measurement e.g. length and height, weight and volume. We will end the term with geometry looking at position and direction.

**Science**

Our topic in Science this term is ‘Everyday Materials’. The children will look at a range of different materials and think of adjectives to describe them. We will discuss their properties and what materials are chosen to make different objects and why. The children will then listen to the story ‘The Three Little Pigs’ and discuss the materials used by the pigs to make their houses. We will then have a go at choosing suitable materials to build models of our own houses.

**Topic**

Our Geography topic this term is ‘Jungles and Rainforests’. We will investigate a range of jungles and rainforests and where these are in the world e.g. near to the Equator.

**Art**

In Art, this term we will look closely at Henri Rousseau who is well-known for the jungle themes in which most of the pieces he created took place. The children will also look at nature sculptures made from clay.

**D&T**

The children will look at ‘Food’ in D&T this term and use tools to make a range of different foods linked to our topic e.g. fruit salads.

**PSHE**

During PSHE we will be focussing on ‘Going for Goals’ during the first half of the term, followed by ‘Good to be me’ later in the term.

**PE**

PE will be on Monday and Friday afternoons this term. Friday lessons will be taught by an outside agency called Embrace. Please could you ensure your child has a named PE kit in school every day should this change.

**Computing**

The children will have the opportunity to develop their computer skills during computing lessons this term.

**RE**

In RE we will be thinking about the question, “What is the good news that Jesus brings?” Later in the term we will think about the question, “Why does Easter matter to Christians?”

**Spellings and Reading**

Thank you for your continued support with practising spellings and reading regularly at home.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see me before or after school.

Kind regards,

Miss Edwards.