



News and Homework for week beginning 11th September



We have been busy completing assessments that will help to direct our learning over the coming weeks. The children have done very well to concentrate and try their best – well done Owls!

This week in Maths... In addition to our assessments, we continued to explore place value, using number lines and place value counters to illustrate our learning pictorially.

In English... This week, we enjoyed learning about different types of Japanese poetry. Some of us discussed Haikus, whilst others looked at Tankas. We investigated the number of syllables in each line, talked about poetic techniques and explained which one was our favourite and why.



In other news... We continued to discover all about the rainforests; first we learnt about the four layers and the kinds of plant and animal life found in each one; next, we considered the different adaptations of life in the rainforest to help survival; finally, we completed an experiment – building our own miniature rainforest terrariums! On Friday, we summarised our findings by creating a collage of the rainforest. This week, we also considered what it means to be a responsible e-citizen and composed our own quiz to demonstrate our knowledge. Finally, our new class reading corner has been getting lots of use with children enjoying a variety of books and newspapers!



Alex, for producing a well presented and informative rainforest fact file – well done Alex!

Homework:

Please see below for homework this week. Remember to still log on and complete tasks on Mathematics, Spellodrome and Reading Eggs. Children should be reading regularly at home and have now been issued with a school reading book and reading log. Can you please complete their reading log to indicate when they have read at home. Older children (yr5 and 6) may read to themselves, then have a discussion with parents afterwards. Younger children (yr3 and 4) should read to an adult.

Spellings: Please see separate sheet for list of words to be learnt this term. Spellings to be learnt this week are highlighted in pink. There will be a review in class each Friday.

Maths: 'Bonds' and 'Badges'(times tables). The aim is to be able to complete all of the questions on the sheet correctly within 4 minutes. Please practice at home ready for time-trials at school on Mondays and Thursdays. We will be looking for improvement in either number of correct responses or time each week.

Homework (see below for due date):

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All	To celebrate harvest, we would like to raise enough money to buy a goat (or two!) for the Good Shepherd School in Uganda. For homework, please decorate your donation envelope! You may wish to draw pictures associated with harvest, perhaps a goat, or the Ugandan and British flags. See separate letter for further details.

Pupil Feedback	Parent Feedback	Teacher Feedback
	How much support did your child need? None <input type="checkbox"/> A little <input type="checkbox"/> Lots <input type="checkbox"/> Comment:	