



News and Homework for week beginning 5th September



Welcome back from the summer break – we hope you all had wonderful holidays!

This week in Maths... We recapped on the importance of good, clear presentation and practiced these skills before starting our first unit on place value. Children used a variety of Base 10 equipment, Base 10 pictures, place value counters and digit cards to explore place value from three digits to beyond a million!

In English... Our first challenge of the year was to use our comprehension skills to discover items inside an old, battered suitcase – delivered to the school over the holidays – to find out who it belonged to. We found old sketches of plants and animals, a compass, binoculars, coffee beans, cocoa nibs and banana leaves inside! Using our detective skills, we made predictions about its owner. We have also begun our new class reading book, 'Journey to the River Sea' which is set in the Amazon rainforest. We talked about the front cover and blurb, exploring how they provide clues about the story within.



In other news... We have immersed ourselves in our new topic – rainforests! First, we considered what we already knew about them and, after watching a skyscape video, completed a 'senses journey'. Next, we looked at climate zones for temperate and tropical rainforests, then used atlases to label maps and identify their locations. Finally, we were joined by ZooLab who brought in some very interesting rainforest creatures for us to hold. We asked loads of thoughtful questions – some of which had amazing and unexpected answers!



George, for returning to school with a great attitude to his learning. George has approached tasks with maturity and focus. Well done George – keep it up!

Homework:

Please see below for homework this week. Remember to still log on and complete tasks on Mathletics, 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 may read to themselves, then have a discussion with parents afterwards.

Spellings: Please see separate sheet for list of words to be learnt this term. Spellings to be learnt this week are highlighted in blue. 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 is to be handed in on Wednesday 13th September.

Please complete pages in CGP books as indicated below:

Homework	
Year 3	Maths: Place Value Page 6
Year 4	Maths: Place Value and Partitioning Page 8
Year 5	Maths: Place Value in Big Numbers Page 7
Year 6	Maths: Place Value in Very Large Numbers Page 6

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:	