# Tales From The Treetops

Welcome back to an exciting start to the New Year!

As well as all our preparation for SATs, our topic this term will involve us discovering all about what rainforests are and locating them on world maps.

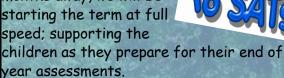
During the course of our topic, we will investigate the layers of the rainforest and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts. We will focus on the Amazon and Congo rainforests and their characteristics.

We will discover the diverse fauna and flora that thrives in this habitat, learn about different tribes and the impact of deforestation. KATHERINE RUNDELI

Some of these areas will be covered as part of our English learning through our reading and writing including:

- Setting descriptions
- Narrative
- Non-chronological reports
- Persuasive letter
- Suspense narrative

With SATs only a few months away, we will be starting the term at full speed; supporting the



We will continue with weekly reading, grammar and maths homework. This will be given out on a Friday to be completed for the following Friday.

Please continue to support your child at home with reading, discussions and continued practice of times tables.

SATS week 12th - 15th May. Please ensure that you have no holidays booked during this time. Please do make us aware ASAP of any queries you may have.

## Get those hearts racing!

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school each day. Also please



ensure that your child has appropriate kit, footwear and any earrings removed.

## R.E and Christian Values

In R.E. we will be linking our science topic of Evolution and exploring beliefs around science and the Big Bang. We will be comparing this to the Creation Story and offering Forgiveness, whilst also focussing on Courage and Compassion. The Character Education trait we are focusing on is Self-Regulation.

**EXPLORER** 



In science will be covering the following:

- Adaptation, evolution and inheritance
- Charles Darwin
- Classification of the animal kingdom
- Fossils

To continue with preparation for secondary school, please continue to support your child to practise times tables on TTRS and read at home every day and record this in reading diaries.

# Dive Into Maths!

This term will be focussing on decimals, percentages, measurement and shape.

## Dates to Remember

Monday 13th January - Explorer Academy Rainforest Workshop

Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Please remember our door is always open, come and see us if you have anything you wish to discuss.

Miss Worrall