



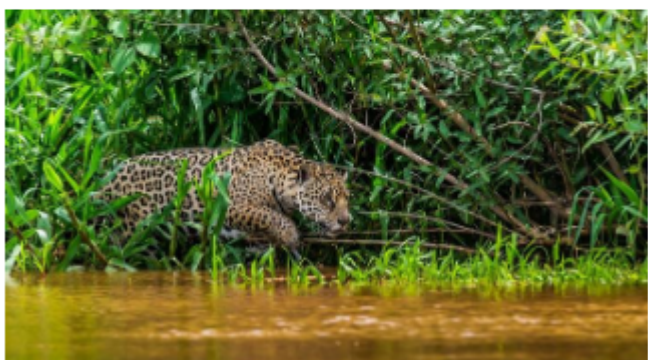
Year 5 Herons Autumn 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to Autumn 2!

We hope you have had a wonderful break and are ready for an action-packed half term!

We cannot wait for us to have fun exploring, investigating and learning this half term!

Our learning will be centred around **Rainforests** this half term.



Key dates for your diary:

Monday 3rd November INSET DAY Preschool, EYFS and Years 1 -6

Tuesday 4th November school reopens Preschool, EYFS and Years 1 -6

Wednesday 5th November Year 5 and 6 Low Carbon Chinatown Banquet in school

Friday 7th November Year 5 Kew Gardens Trip

Friday 7th November Odd Socks Day

Friday 7th November FroG's Annual Halloween Disco 3.30-5.30pm

Monday 10th November Apollo Music in Years 4 and 5

Tuesday 11th November Parent's Evening 4-6pm

Thursday 13th November Parent's Evening 3.30-5.30pm

Friday 14th Year 5 Assembly 3.10pm

Friday 14th November Wear Spots for Children in Need

Sunday 16th November Run Kids Run event @London Community Track

Friday 21st November FroG's AGM 3pm

Monday 24th November Sibling and Individual Photographs

Friday 28th November Apollo Music in Year 4 and 5

Thursday 4th December Years 1 -6 Panto Stratford

Friday 5th December Parents in Class 2.45pm

Friday 5th December Year 2 Assembly

Friday 12th December Christmas Jumper Day



Trips and Visits

Friday 7th November - Kew Gardens



Tuesday 16th December Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 17th December Years 3 4 5 6 Winter Concert 2.30pm

Wednesday 17th December- FRoG's Annual Christmas Party
3.30-5.30pm

Thursday 18th December end of term 2pm

Friday 19th December INSET day Preschool, EYFS and Years 1 -6

Christmas Closure Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January

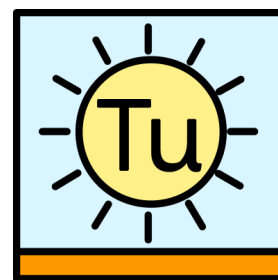
Monday 5th January INSET DAY Preschool, EYFS and Years 1 -6

Tuesday 6th January Spring 1 starts Preschool, EYFS and Years 1 -6

PE Kits

Class PE Day: **Tuesday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing
their PE kit on **Tuesdays**.



Reading	Writing
This half term we will be reading ‘The Vanishing Rainforest’ by Richard Platt and ‘The Great Kapok Tree’ by Lynne Cherry as our class readers. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of imagery and description linked to the rainforest that will help inspire our writing. Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including: - Finding information in the text - Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words - Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters - Making predictions about what will happen next To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below: Reading Plus	Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of Rainforests and the book ‘The Vanishing Rainforest’ by Richard Platt. Using this text, the children will write a setting description, a non-chronological report based on the animals and plants of the rainforest and a persuasive argument. The persuasive argument will focus on the need to save rainforests around the world. During these units, the pupils will focus on adding expanded noun phrases to their writing. For example: The <u>vibrant, loud parrots</u> chirp loudly within the canopy layer. Please see the link below for further information linked to expanded noun phrases: What is an expanded noun phrase? - BBC Bitesize In addition, we will be thinking about using a range of modal verbs. Modal verbs show degrees of possibility and certainty e.g. can, should, might, will. Please see the link below for further information linked to modal verbs: What is a modal verb - Definition and examples - BBC Bitesize Please support your child’s spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings.
Maths	Science
In Maths this half term, we will be covering: Multiplication and Division- using mental and written strategies to multiply by one and two-digit numbers and using mental and written strategies to divide numbers without and without remainders. In addition, we will learn how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. Multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000 - BBC Teach	Our Science topic this half term will be ‘Forces.’ We will explore different forces including friction, water resistance, gravity and air resistance. We will conduct a parachute investigation and consider the different forces affecting our parachutes. We will develop our scientific skills by planning our investigation, selecting our equipment, recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigation and results. The links below provide some useful information about the forces we will be studying: Friction – KS2 Science curriculum - BBC Bitesize What are water and air resistance? - BBC Bitesize
History and Geography	Campaign

In Geography, we will be learning about rainforests, biomes and climate zones. We will investigate the different layers of the rainforest and the plants and animals that live within each layer. The children will be thinking about how these living organisms have adapted to suit their environment. We will focus on the Amazon Rainforest and identify the types of settlement, how land is used and trade links in this area. In addition, we will investigate the products that are produced using rainforest resources and how they are traded around the world. As well as this, we will explore deforestation and the advantages and disadvantages of cutting down trees.

Please see the link below for more information regarding the rainforest habitat:

[What is a rainforest habitat? - BBC Bitesize](#)

Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Giving.' We will be learning about our 'Carbon Footprint' and how our actions impact the amount of carbon dioxide being produced. We will consider how to reduce our carbon footprint and will present our findings to the school.



ICT	Video Production We will develop our understanding of filming techniques and how to use storyboards to plan a video. We will learn how to import, edit videos and evaluate our films.
PSHE	Celebrating Differences During this topic, the children will think about different cultures within our class, racism, rumours and name-calling and types of bullying. We will learn and talk about our rights and responsibilities if we encounter these issues.
RE	Christianity Our focus religion this half term is Christianity. Our key question is 'Is the Christmas story true?' We will learn about Christian beliefs and traditions.
PE	PE lessons this half term will focus on Basketball. Class PE Day: Tuesday
Music	Guitar Music The children will be exploring guitar music and will be developing their ability to play rhythms on the guitar. We will be learning songs for our Christmas performance.
Art	Painting/Collage This half term in art, the children will learn about the work of Henri Rousseau and will create a collage inspired by his piece 'Surprised!'
DT and Cooking	Textiles This half term in DT, we will be making Christmas decorations using sewing skills. Cooking This half term in Cooking, we will be making Christmas cakes.
Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.	
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