

# Term 3 and 4



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Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. Thank you so much for all of our generous gifts. Term 3 will continue to focus on The Great Fire of London and in Term 4 we will introduce a new topic to the children - the Rainforest.

We have lots of exciting learning opportunities coming up for your children. We will continue to look at The Great Fire of London and explore Samuel Pepys and his diary writing. We will also look at how the fire affected change in London. In January, our Birdbox webcam will be up and running just in time for the 2017 Big Birdwatch. We will create feeding stations to encourage the birds to visit so the children can observe them. In term 4 we will be learning all about the Rainforest. We will explore animals of the rainforest. We will locate hot and cold countries in relation to the Equator. We also have a visit from Zoolab in February and the children will have the opportunity to meet some of the creatures from the Rainforest.

### PE Days:

This term we will have PE on Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit and it is **clearly named**. As we will be having some outside PE, please ensure your child has plimsolls or trainers.

### Playtimes and Outside Learning

Whatever the weather, we want your child to be prepared for learning opportunities and playing outside. Please ensure they have a suitable waterproof jacket in school daily. Also it would be helpful to have a pair of wellies which they can keep in school.

### Phonics

Daily Phonics will be taught for 20 mins to develop their speaking and listening, reading and writing skills. The children will learn to blend and segment real and nonsense words in preparation for the National Year 1 Screening. The children will learn alternative spellings for sounds already taught. A useful website for supporting your child with Phonics is [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk).

### Reading

Children will be responsible for taking out their reading books on Monday, Wednesday and Friday ready to be changed. Please ensure that your child has their reading book every day. It is really important you continue to listen to your child read regularly as well as talking about what they have read. Please ensure that you indicate whether your child has finished the book by signing. Your comments are very helpful in supporting your child fully.

### Maths

We will continue to build upon skills already learnt in number, place value, addition and subtraction. The children will also learn how to tell the time (o'clock and half-past) and will explore fractions of shape and number. The children will also explore measuring height in real contexts. Playing board games that involve maths is a great way to make it fun. When solving a maths problem ask your child to explain their thinking to you. Try to involve your child in as many problem solving activities as possible. The more 'real' a problem is, the more motivated they will be when trying. For example, working out change when shopping.

**If you have anything you would like to discuss, we are on the playground in the morning and afternoon or alternatively make an appointment through the office.**

We look forward to working with you in 2017.

**Mrs Mugerwa, Mrs Amelia, Mrs Smith, Mrs Munday and Miss Smith**