

## Curriculum Overview

### **Rainforests**

During this half term, the children will be learning all about rainforests! They will learn where the world's rainforest environments are located and what makes them such unique, rich and diverse habitats for a wealth of flora and fauna. The children will take part in a debate around the issue of deforestation and enjoy an enriching visit to Marwell Zoo during which they will take part in a rainforests workshop!



### **Mysterious Mayans**

During the second half term, the children will be learning all about the Ancient Mayan civilization. They will explore the many achievements of the Mayan people including architecture, religion, food, farming and games. Our topic culminates in a celebration of what might be the Mayan people's most exciting discovery – cacao!

## Home Learning

Home learning is set to reinforce skills and knowledge learnt in the classroom and to support children's progress and achievement.

This should include:

- **Reading** with an adult 5 times each week with a discussion about the story/text.
- **Mental Maths:** The Mytchett Maths Challenge (which can include DoodleMaths and DoodleTables)
- **Spelling** practise - 5 words from the year group list and 5 words that follow the spelling rule of that week.
- **1 weekly task** from an area of the curriculum.

Extras that will be offered and are optional could include:

- A reflection about DoodleMaths learning
- A Philosophy for Children question for family discussion.

## Our Reading

Some of our Reading this term is going to include:

- The Explorer by Katherine Rundell
- The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry
- The boy who biked the world (part two – Riding the Americas) by Alastair Humphreys
- The Chocolate Tree (A Mayan Folktale)
- Middleworld: The Jaguar Stones (book one) by J&P Voelkel
- A range of information texts to support our topic learning

Can you find any other books at home or in the library?

## Important reminders for each week

This term, please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school every day. This will be helpful in allowing for some flexibility and to be able to adapt timings/ days if needed. We will send PE kits home for washing at half term or if they get particularly mucky! Please ensure that your child's PE kit contains:

- Mytchett logo PE t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black tracksuit top
- Black tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers or plimsolls (that fit!) and a plastic bag for when these are particularly muddy!

Please remember to take out your child's earrings on PE days. Please also ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day.

## MYTCHETT PRIMARY ACADEMY Summer Term 2023



**Kingfishers – Year 4**

**Rainforests**

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A brief bulletin of key information needed for this term.

## Important Dates

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April** – Mufti Day for the adult tombola.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 4 trip to Marwell Zoo

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Bank Holiday

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – Celebration picnic in honour of the Coronation (children only)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – Mufti Day - red, white and blue in exchange for items for children's tombola (Spring Fair)

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – FFMPs May Fair

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** – SMILE Afternoon

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Half Term

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Year 4

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**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Class Photos

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Sports Day

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** – Super SMILE Afternoon

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** – Reserve Sports Day

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Report Portal Opens

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – School Finishes at 1.30pm

## Kingfishers staff

**Class teacher:** Mrs Read

**Support Staff:** Mrs Graves, Mrs Bacca and Mrs Mansell

**Subject teachers:**

Mrs Emsden (French)

Mrs Everingham (PE)