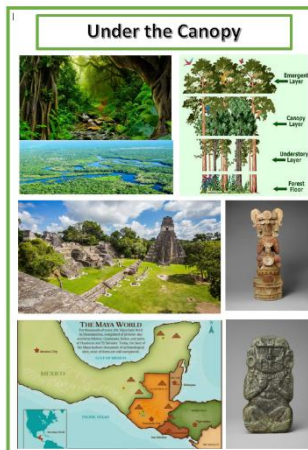


Class 3 Curriculum Update

May 2025

May's Values: Integrity and peace

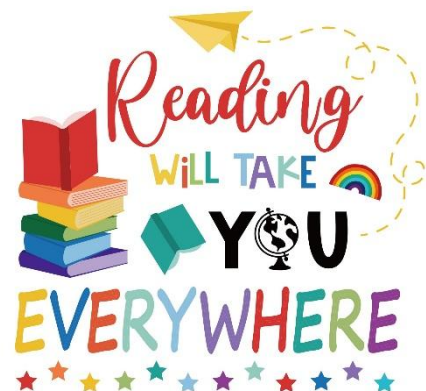
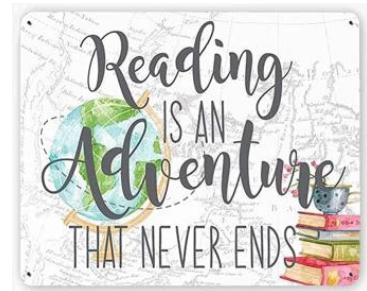


"Under the Canopy" is a unit, based on the rainforest with a key focus on geography and history. We will be looking at what life was like for the Mayans in their daily life and how they lived in the Amazon Rainforest. We will look deeper at what the rainforest is like and understand the importance of the rainforest within the world's eco system.

The children have already begun to locate the rainforests around the world and understand that they are found near the equator. At Forest School, the children have looked at the forest layers that are similar to the rainforest. They know that rainforests are divided into four layers. Each layer receives a different amount of sunlight and rainfall, so different types of animals and plants are found in each one.

Homework is important for practising, applying and consolidating the learning skills the children develop in school. **Spelling Shed** and **TTRockstars** (times tables practice) are the main homework the children will do in Year 3. It is **expected** that the children go on these every week. Two or three games per day, Monday to Friday, is great as little and often is best.

Reading. The expectation for reading in Year 3 is 10 -15 minutes a day to an adult. The adult that listens to the child read should date and initial. If your child reads a non school book that is fine. It has been great to see the children reaching their 80 reads and beyond. The children work on their comprehension skills weekly and this will continue to happen throughout the year. They also work on their fluency and expression. Our class reader is currently 'The Secret Explorers and the Rainforest Rangers'.



Dates for your diary and reminders

Forest School sessions are every other Tuesday, although children need old, warm functional clothing every Tuesday. Despite the changes in weather children still need trousers, long sleeved tops and baseball hats. Children should continue to have their wellies in school at all times.

PE sessions are back to Wednesdays and Thursdays. Children should come into school in their PE kits. If they have long hair, they should have a hairband to tie their hair back and tape to cover their ears if they wear earrings.

Monday 12th and 13th May – Longtown Residential

Art

In art, the children have really impressed us with their creativity and focus while working with clay. They took inspiration from a poem to shape their own unique sculptures, carefully thinking about how to bring words and images to life through their designs. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to express their ideas in a new way and explore different techniques while developing their fine motor skills and artistic confidence.



Forest School

Lately at Forest School, the children have been busy building a free-standing structure strong enough to hold their weight — a fun challenge that got them thinking and working together. They've also been spending time at Comet's Meadow continuing to make on our growing spaces and have learning about the different layers of the forest.



Keep checking out the updated photo gallery on the class page for photos and further information and learning guidance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the office and I will get in touch with you as soon as I can. Mr Freeman and the Year 3 team.