



Term 4

Key Dates for the Diary

Key stage 1 disco	Friday 1st March
World book day	Thursday 7th March
Eco week	Monday 18th— 22nd March
Home learning project deadline.	Wednesday 27th March
Celebration afternoon	Wednesday 3rd April

THEME WEEK

This term we will be holding an eco themed week from the 18th March.

Throughout this week we will be having some exciting competitions and visitors coming in to talk to the children. More information to come in the next few weeks.

PE DAYS / REMINDERS

PE— We will be having PE lessons on Wednesdays and Fridays in Kingfishers and on Monday and Thursday in Robins class.

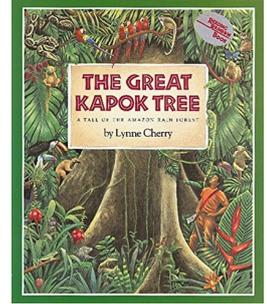
Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit of white t-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls. These should all be clearly named. PE is a compulsory subject and therefore all children must have a kit!

THERE IS NO PLANET B

This term the two texts we will be using to support our learning in English and across the rest of the curriculum will be 'One Night Far From Here' by Julie Wauters and 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. Both of these books are about animals and their habitats.



We will be exploring animals from different countries around the world as well as ones found here in the UK. We will be looking at the impact that environmental change and human activity is having on their habitats and populations.



HOMEWORK

Following parental feedback, we have had a whole school rethink on how homework is done with the aim of encouraging children to take ownership for their own learning outside of school. There is now a choice of different activities to do over the course of the term. Children will be rewarded for the amount that they do. The minimum number of tasks that we are expecting the children to complete is 7 of the 9 tasks given. The children will be rewarded with certificates for achieving 7,8 or 9 of the tasks.

The deadline for homework is the 27th of March. If you are in need of any resources please do not hesitate to have a chat with your child's class teacher. This should be done as well as daily reading, times tables and spellings practise.

HOW TO HELP AT HOME—PREPARATION FOR SATS

As you probably know the children in year 2 will be taking their SAT's in Term 6. We are doing lots in school to prepare them for this and this shouldn't be something that they worry about, however any extra support they can get both at school and at home would benefit them greatly. Here are some tips on what you can do at home;

Try to encourage them to read independently. Once they have finished get them to retell the story in their own words. This will help them to improve their understanding of a text and develop their communication skills. They could even try to write their own version of the story. Encourage them to use correct punctuation such as full stops, commas and apostrophes.

Practise using money. Talk to them about the different values of money we have and what others coins can be used to make the same amount. When going to the shops try and get them to think about how much change they will get after spending some of the money.

Practise weighing and measuring different things at home. Encourage them to look at the numbers and units of measure needed for each type of measuring.