

# Class TY Newsletter

Happy 2017!

Dear Parents and Carers

Hello again! I hope that you all enjoyed Christmas and New Year. Now that all the decorations are down, the boxes of Christmas chocs are empty and school is back in full swing, I look forward to picking up again where we left off at the end of last term. This newsletter contains information about some of the things happening this term in Class TY and recaps some of our class information.

## This term's topics - Rainforests and The Maya

Our two topics for Spring term are: the Rainforests and the Ancient Maya civilisation of Central America.

The richness and variety of jungle life make rainforests a fascinating topic to study. We will look at what makes them such important habitats and also so vital to the long term equilibrium of our planet. We will also examine the threats rainforests are under, all around the globe, and what can be done to protect rainforest areas from these threats now and in the future.

Alongside, we will also learn about an early civilisation that took root in the rainforests of Central America—the Maya. From 2000 BC, they began to develop organised societies and went on to build their own cities and great temples. As with other indigenous peoples, they were eventually overrun in the Spanish conquest of Central America however their descendants still continue to inhabit areas of modern day Mexico, Guatemala and Belize today.

Spring term  
2017

### Weekly Timetable

☺ **Monday**

Library  
Homework in

☺ **Tuesday**

PE coaching

☺ **Wednesday**

Homework out

**Thursday**

☺ **Friday**

Heroes assembly



Rainforests are essential to the long-term health of our planet.

## Working with TY this term

As always at High Spen, this term will be a team effort! Mr Mason will continue to teach Science on Wednesday afternoons and Mrs Simpson will teach English, Maths and History on Thursdays. Mrs Ward will still be working with us for the first part of each morning and Mr Firth, Mrs Lawson and Mrs Coates will also be involved in teaching some English and

### Important dates for your diary

English through Film week

Week beg 23rd January

Keeping Safe week

Week beg 6th February

Half term

20th–24th February

Climbing Wall at Thorp

4th April

End of term

7th April

SATs week 2017

8th–11th May

More to follow!

## Homework and Reading

As last term, homework will usually be given out on Wednesday. Tasks will be linked to our learning in class and should provide opportunities for your child to share and discuss his or her learning with you at home. If you have any questions please ask or add a comment in the book. Homework should be handed in by Monday morning of the following week.

Please continue to support your child with their learning of spellings and Space maths facts too. There is a list of suggested activities to help in the back of the homework books! Needless to say, regular reading is also vital as your child moves through Year 6. Developing reading fluency and stamina is key at this age. Maintaining interest and enjoyment is important too so please talk with your child about what they read. We can offer help and advice if you are looking for recommended books and authors.

## PE

PE this term will be Basketball which will be led by a coach (on Tuesdays) and Gymnastics (day to be confirmed). Children will need suitable PE clothes in school on both days (including outdoor trainers for basketball). If your child cannot take part in PE for any reason, please let us know the reasons why.

## And finally . . . .

As we move into the second term of this school year, I look forward very much to continuing to work with you all. If you have any questions and concerns, please feel free to catch me in the yard, phone school, or make an appointment.

Looking forward to the year ahead!

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