

# Greenaway Class - Spring 2

## The Eden Project

What a great time we had at the Eden Project this week! It was such a lovely way to start the half term and we were impressed with how much knowledge the children had remembered. Thank you very much for all the kind offers of help and to the parents who joined us on our trip. I'm sure the children will be able to tell you lots of interesting facts that they learnt whilst exploring the rainforest biome.



## English

In English, we begin by writing a recount of our trip to the Eden Project before drawing upon our writing skills from last term to write a non-chronological report all about orangutans. I wonder if the children can tell you about Fig, who was the main character in our chapter book? Later this term, we will read 'The Great Explorer' by Chris Judge



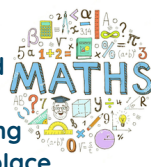
and write a set of instructions on how to be a mighty explorer. The children are looking forward to listening to Stanley's chapter book entitled 'The Super Sloth' by Amelia Cobb during their story time sessions.



## Maths

Year 1: This term we begin our addition and subtraction unit which focuses on numbers to 20. We will then extend our understanding of the number system by focusing on the place value of numbers to 50.

Year 2: This week we have continued with our work on multiplication and have been learning different strategies to help us work out the answer to questions involving the 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x table. We will then look at our division unit before learning all about fractions.



## Famous Explorers

This half term, we are excited to learn about famous explorers from the past. The children will discuss where in the world these explorers may have been and the special equipment that they need to survive. During this unit, we will 'meet' Charles Darwin, Neil Armstrong and Ibn Battuta to name a few. We will use our knowledge of the five oceans and seven continents of the world to locate exactly where these explorations took place.

In D.T, we will be designing and making a healthy wrap for an explorer. We will consider what a balanced diet looks like and taste test different food combinations to help us design a healthy wrap. Finally, we will evaluate the taste, texture and appearance of our wrap.

## Weekly Routines

- Monday** - Homework and spellings are handed out. Library books collected in. PE with Mrs Cudmore.
- Wednesday** - Computing with Mr Hawtin and PE with Mr Rickard. Visit to the library to choose a new book.
- Thursday** - New 'phonic' book sent home for those children on the Little Wandle Reading Scheme.
- Friday** - Spelling quiz, homework folders to be returned and active mile.



## PE Days

Please remember to send your child's PE kit into school in a named carrier bag ready for their PE lessons on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon. Don't forget that the children may come to school on a Friday wearing their trainers and jogging bottoms ready for our active mile in the afternoon.

## Homework

Each week the children in Year 2 will be given spellings and maths homework. This will be sent home on a Monday and collected on a Friday. Please try to practise spellings daily if possible—little and often is the best way to learn them. Spellings will be tested each Friday morning with a little quiz. Your child will also bring home a piece of maths homework which is designed to reinforce the learning that has taken place in class. After the Spring term we will introduce homework for the children in Year 1 too!



If you have any further questions or queries, no matter how big or small, then please don't hesitate to ask. I am looking forward to another exciting, busy term in Greenaway Class.

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