



St Minver School and Nursery

Head of School: Mrs A Warren

Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Parents,

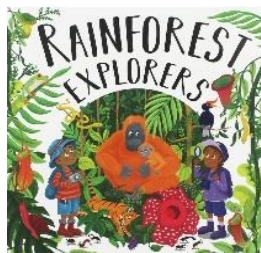
I hope you have all had a lovely half term break and the children are raring to go! I can't believe we are half way through the school year. Where does the time fly?

This half term we continue with our topic '**Rainforest Explorers**' which the children have really enjoyed learning about. We have found out so many fascinating facts about the Amazon Rainforest and the animals and plants that can be found living there. I wonder if the children can name the 4 different layers of the rainforest and tell you about them? We also found it interesting to learn about one of the largest tribes of the Amazon, the Yanomami. Did you know that the Yanomami lived unknown to the rest of the world until the 1960s? The Yanomami live in small villages. Each family has a shabono, a large oval hut with a space in the middle where the whole family lives.

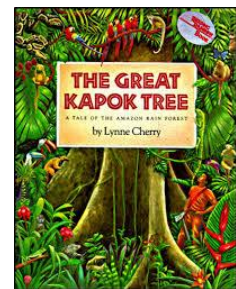


We are looking forward to our trip to the Eden Project on **Tuesday 18th March** where we will get to explore the Rainforest Biome and take part in the 'Building in Brazil workshop' led by a member of the educational team. We can't wait! A letter with further details will be sent home next week. We will be needing some parents helpers for our trip. Please let us know if you are available to help out on this exciting trip.

Reading and Writing In English this week we have begun writing our non-chronological report about



orangutans which links to our class text 'Rainforest Explorers'. We have found out so many interesting facts about these amazing animals. We will also listen to and begin reading the story 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. This will lead to some letter writing where we will appeal to the human race, on behalf of the animals, to stop destroying the rainforests. During our story time sessions we will listen to a range of fiction and non-fiction books linked to our topic. Thank you for the positive comments you continue to make in your child's reading record and finding time to listen to them read regularly. It really does make such a difference to their progress!



Maths 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 also learn different strategies to help us divide when we begin our work on division. Finally, we will learn all about 2d and 3d shape. The children are enjoying their daily 'Snappy Maths' session where they are able to recall their addition and subtraction facts at speed, using a range of strategies to help them. This week the children began recording their work in their new 'Snappy Maths' book. They set out their work beautifully, remembering 1 digit per box. Keep up the super work Greenaway Class.

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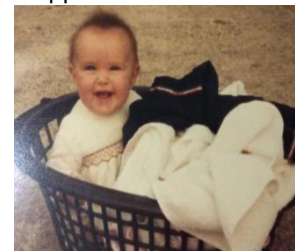
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Science This half term we continue with our topic 'Animals, including humans'. We will learn about the life cycle of a butterfly during our reading fluency sessions and find out what animals need to survive. We will also study the importance of diet and exercise for humans. Following on from our INSET training we have introduced a knowledge organiser to support our science unit which contains all of the key information the children need to know

and remember. We have also produced a key vocabulary sheet and assigned symbols to each word to support all of our learners in remembering the scientific words linked to this topic. Thank you for very much for the gorgeous baby and toddler photos that you kindly sent into school. The children had great fun playing guess who and working out which baby photo belonged to who. Can you guess who this photo belongs to?



In other areas of the curriculum we will continue to listen to 'The Little Train of the Caipira' by Heitor Villa Lobos. In D.T we will be designing and making a healthy wrap for a jungle 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. During our computing sessions this half term we will be exploring different ways that technology can be used to create music. We will use the Chrome Music Lab to create our own piece of music inspired by a rainforest animal of our choice.

Weekly Routines

Monday – Homework and spellings are handed out. PE with Mrs Cudmore.

Tuesday – Visit to the library to choose a new book. Please make sure your child's library book is in their bookbag on this day so that they are able to change it for a new book if they wish to.

Wednesday – PE with Mr Rickard and Music with Mrs Davis.

Thursday – New 'phonic' book sent home for those children on the Little Wandle Reading Scheme. Our Jigsaw unit for this half term is entitled 'Healthy Me' and will take place on alternate Thursday afternoons alongside our RE unit which explores the question 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?'.

Friday – Spelling quiz, homework folders to be returned and active mile.

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. Please make sure that your child has a named water bottle.

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Key Dates for this half term

We have such a busy half term ahead. Here are some key dates for your diary that you may find useful.

- **Wednesday 5th March** – St Piran's Day (The children are invited to wear black, white/gold in celebration of St Piran's Day!)
- **Thursday 6th March** – World Book Day (The children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character or in their comfortable 'non-uniform' clothes.)
- **Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th & Friday 14th March** – Swimming
- **Tuesday 18th March** – Our trip to the Eden Project
- **Tuesday 18th March & Wednesday 19th March** – Parents Meetings (times to follow later)
- **Friday 21st March** – Comic Relief (The children may come to school wearing something red)
- **Thursday 27th March** – Our Spring Concert
- **Week beginning Monday 31st March** – IPM meetings and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
- **Friday 4th April** – Last day of term.

Please don't forget to take a look at our class page on the school's website (www.stminver.org) where you will find lots of photos of the different learning taking place in Greenaway Class. If you have any further questions or queries then please don't hesitate to ask.

We look forward to a happy and enjoyable rest of the term in Greenaway Class!

Thank you for your continued support. It really is appreciated.

With very best wishes,

Louisa Cudmore

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