



Last term, we enjoyed... Our spring term was absolutely fabulous! We loved learning about space and the children in Indigo Class know some incredible facts about our universe. The stargazing night was one of our highlights and it was wonderful to see so many families there. One of the most amazing days was our trip to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh. Later, in science we learnt all about forces. We investigated gravity, air and water resistance and friction. We then created amazing magazines about it in English. Also in English, we loved our science fiction unit and wrote some amazing sci-fi stories. In history, learning about the ancient Greeks was fascinating and we loved re-enacting a battle through drama. We also wrote our fantastic versions of Greek myths. At the end of term, we worked together in teams to design and make our very own marble runs for children in KS1 which involved a lot of problem solving and fun!

This term, we are looking forward to... We have a fantastic summer term planned in Indigo Class! In English, we are excited by the book *The Explorer*, which is set in the Amazon rainforest. This links to our geography where our focus is temperate forests and rainforests. This term, in maths, we will be studying shape and learning to measure angles using a protractor as well as adding decimal numbers. In science, we are learning all about the life cycles of a range of animals and plants and making comparisons within them. This will include some visiting creatures— watch this space! Later, we will then learn about plant reproduction. In DT, we will be learning how to make a range of sauces and then a nutritious meal. We are excited about using plaster of Paris to create sculptures in art as well as learning to draw using ICT. Of course, we are also very much looking forward to the Summer Fair and sports day!

Key Vocabulary: Here is some key vocabulary that we will be using throughout the half term:

- Temperate
- Rainforest
- Canopy
- Forest floor
- Deforestation
- Biodiversity
- Life cycle
- Metamorphosis
- Fertilise
- Seasonality
- Nutrition

If you wish, you could use these websites to complete quizzes and reinforce knowledge in Science:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zdqdcqt/articles/zqbcxfr>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6wwxn/article/zdvhxbk#zsrlydm1>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6wwxn/articles/zsq9r2p>

**Thank you so much for your continued support,
Miss Frankland, Miss Tylee and Mrs Noakes**

Important days and dates

- PE is on a Thursday pm and swimming on a Friday am . Please ensure you are in active uniform at all times
- Mrs Noakes teaches Indigo Class on a Thursday morning and Fridays all day
- Please return completed spellings every Friday
- Parents evenings are on 24.4.24 and 1.5.24 I am looking forward to seeing you all!

Homework: In Indigo Class the expectation is:

- 3x reading per week (more if you can please)
- Complete both sides of spellings over the week (little and often is best)
- 3x Times Table Rockstars
- 3x Bug Club

This is to support your child's learning and understanding in class and to practise skills, as well to prepare them for high school.

Please remind your child to record everything they do in their communication books. This is important as we check through them and give positive recognition to those who complete everything.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any problems or worries with homework or anything else.