



Last term, we enjoyed... Our spring term was absolutely fabulous! One of the highlights was printing and collaging and getting to print a tile onto a fabric pillow case. We enjoyed a stargazing evening with a wonderful clear sky, when we were able to see the moon's phases clearly and could see lots of constellations. All the children enjoyed taking part in bikeability learning about road safety and for some learning how to ride a bike. In science, we learnt all about forces. We investigated gravity, air and water resistance and friction. All the children have enjoyed learning about law with a workshop delivered by Lancaster University as part of School taskmaster. The standout experience for the children was being able to go in an actual space dome, where the children visualised and immersed themselves in space. Finally, the children have enjoyed both sports in P.E, tag rugby lead by Wigan Warriors and gymnastics.

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. In science, we are learning all about the life cycles of a range of animals and plants and making comparisons within them. 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 our overnight residential 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/z6wwxnb/articles/zdvhxbk#zsrlydm1>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6wwxnb/articles/zsq9r2p>

Important days and dates

- PE is on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon.
- Please return completed spellings every Friday
- Mrs Noakes teaches in Indigo class on a Friday morning
- Residential- Tuesday 5th May to Wednesday 6th May.

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.