

# Parkstone Primary School

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*'Learning Together'*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term. Firstly, thank you for supporting us with the move to sandals for indoors, it really will help to keep the indoor school environment clean and tidy.

**This half term our topic is:**

There's a Rumble in the Jungle!



The pupils will locate the different rainforests and the continents they are in. We will particularly focus on one rainforest in Borneo. We will identify the human and physical features of the rainforest in Borneo and we will compare it to a local wooded area.

On the back of this letter you will find the objectives that the pupils will be covering over the term, including the key questions that will be the basis of the pupils' learning.

**A few reminders:** your child will now receive weekly homework and spellings to learn as well as a termly home-school project. In addition they will be expected to read three times a week. They are then rewarded with Golden time every Friday. Please sign their reading record as evidence of the reading taking place.

We will be having a visitor coming to school linked to our topic. He will be bringing in all sorts of exotic animals and it is called 'Meet the Creature'. A letter will be sent out in due course to give you more information.

We look forward to a successful spring term and if there is anything you would like to ask, don't hesitate to make an appointment to see us.

Your sincerely,

Mrs Waudby, Mrs Gill, Miss Draper-Martin, Miss King and Mr Rogers.

**In Maths we will:**

**Year 1:**

In Maths we are looking at adding on. We will use our fingers, number lines and number bonds.

We will also be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s

We will be learning to recognise number bonds to 20 and problem solving showing how skills.

**Year 2:**

In Maths we are looking at money. We are learning to recognise the pound and pence symbols and combining amounts to make a particular value.

We will also be focusing on multiplication and division facts for 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables



**In Computing:**

- Use technology safely and respectfully. Use technology purposefully to organise, store and retrieve digital content.

**As Scientists, we will:**

- Identify and name common animals, including animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Describe and compare the structure of common animals.
- Identify, draw and label basic parts of the human body and say which body part is associated with which sense.

## In Year 1 and 2

Our topic for the Spring Term 1 is  
**There's a Rumble in the Jungle!**



**As Geographers, we will be learning all about:**

- We will locate the different rainforests and the continents they are in. We will particularly focus on one rainforest in Borneo. We will identify the human and physical features of the rainforest in Borneo and we will compare it to a local wooded area.

**In PE, we will be dancing!**

We will be focusing of jungle animal dancing. We will learn lots of lovely moves and we will be putting them together to form a sequence.

**Important dates:**

**Friday January 19<sup>th</sup> 2pm:**

Parent afternoon to make animal masks.

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January:** Sponsored circuit training with Beth Dobbin (Olympic Athlete).

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January:** KS1 Stay and Read 9am.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January:** Meet the Creature (letter to follow).

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February:** Stay and Count 9am.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Break up for half term.

**In Literacy we will be:**

**Year 1 Reading:**

Read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words.

Knowing the difference between fiction and non-fiction.

Discuss word meanings, linking to those they already know.

**Year 1 Writing:**

Writing sentences using capital letters and full stops.

To join sentences using 'and'.

To form letters correctly.

To use phonic knowledge to write words.

**Year 2 Reading:**

Will be focusing on inference questions. Not only will we be retrieving information from a text but we will use clues to find the answers to trickier questions.

**Year 2 Writing:**

We will continue to improve our handwriting and presentation.

We will be developing our writing stamina and we will be improving our spelling, punctuation and grammar skills.

**As Artists we will be learning to:**



To use pencils to create lines of different thickness in drawings.

**In Religious Education we will:**

- recall some creation stories from holy books of different faiths.
- say why the world is a special place for faith members.
- say how religious people treat the world with respect.