

## **PINEPPLES E CLASS NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you were able to enjoy the Christmas holidays and would like to wish you all a very happy new year! We will be working hard to support you and your children. Please do get in touch if there is anything you think we should be aware of.

This letter is to give you a quick overview of what I have planned for the term. The topic is The Rainforest, so our History, Geography, Computing, Music and Art and Design work will generally be linked to this. We will be looking at animals, plants and people from the Rainforest and from our own country and at weather and climate. After the February half-term, we will be learning about changes to the Rainforest and to our own local area, environmental issues, different types of work and ways people may celebrate special occasions.

In Computing children will use robots called "Beebots" and the programs "2Animate" and "2DIY". These are in Purple Mash so they can use them at home too.

We will be starting the topic off with artwork, painting trees with many shades of green and painting animals from the rainforest to create a new classroom display.

I am looking forward to our English lessons. We will, of course, be doing Phonics and helping the children improve their reading and writing skills. The stories this term are all stories from different cultures.

We will begin Maths this year with revision and with work on measuring.

Children will be thinking about how religion can make a difference in people's lives. We will be learning about Christian, Islam and Sikh beliefs.

We will be swimming again this first half-term each Wednesday morning. We will also be doing dance with Juliette, the PE coach. We will be walking around Spencer Park regularly, so do please make sure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear.

We also have PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education). Our topic for this is "Getting on and Falling out". We will be helping the children develop the skills they need to play and work with others.

I, Sarajane, will be leading the class on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Hillary will be leading on Mondays and Tuesdays. Olga will no longer be in our class. She is going to work in a different class. I know some of the children especially will miss her. Kirsty and Issy are still in Pineapples Class and Becky is joining us from Rowan Gate in Wellingborough.

We hope it will be a term full of happy memories and lots of great learning. We have really appreciated the support we have had from you and look forward to working with you again.