

Ways you can support your child at home....

- Regular times tables practice
- Rapid recall of number bonds to 10/100/1000
- Practice cursive handwriting
- Learn weekly spelling
- Encourage your child to read daily (both aloud and silently)
- Complete homework independently where possible

Key Dates—Term 2

- 8/01/18 Clubs start
- 12/01/18 Whole school 'Stunning Start', The Croft
- 18/01/18 Parent Meeting— PSHCE Session 2.45pm
- 23/01/18 Drusilla School Trip
- 27/01/18 PFA Jumble Sale—tbc
- 5/02/18 Parent Forum—Church School Developments
- 12/2–16/2 Half Term
- 1/03/18 World Book Day
- 9/03/18 Bring an adult to school day and share our learning
- 22/03/18 Parent Forum—Growth Mindset & Parent Consultation Format
- 29/03/18 End of term Easter Service

Forest School

Our Forest School programme will continue for all of the children at St Mary's School. The classes will still have their sessions on Thursday afternoons. (see dates below) The sessions be delivered by Mrs Sanders, with support from volunteers each week at Sawpit Woods, Hodore Farm, Parrock Lane, Hartfield, TN7 4AR:

Thursday 4th January
Thursday 1st February
Thursday 8th March

Clubs

Clubs will continue with gardening, sport's and team games, singing, dance and wildlife explorers.



Welcome to Lilac Class



The Rainforest

Spring Term 3 & 4

English

This term our two focus books are *A Journey to the River Sea* by Eva Ibbotson and *From Hereabout Hill* by Michael Morpurgo. We will be writing an adventure story and informative leaflets for anyone venturing into the Rainforest. We will also become literary critics and book editors in the second part of the term, writing reviews, before turning into journalists to write another article for the *Lilac Observer*. Alongside this, we will be learning about and practise using a range of punctuation and grammar, and how to use this in our writing.

Science

This term we are exploring the life cycles of plants and animals. We will start with plant reproduction, moving onto mammals and comparing the two. We will also take part in a Life Cycles workshop run by the keepers during our trip to Drusilla's Park.

RE and PSHE

During RE we will be exploring Hinduism, particularly looking at what it means to be a Hindu. Tying in with Easter, we will then be looking at the idea of Salvation. We will also be exploring Philosophy in PSHE. Year Six are doing Relationships and Sex Education this term as well.

Maths

This term we will be expanding our knowledge of fractions to move onto decimals and percentages. Year 5 will also be looking at formal written methods for multiplication and division, which will be quite a jump from what they have done so far, whereas Year 6 will be moving on to measurement, algebra and ratio! A full on term this Spring, but please make sure you are still practicing times tables and mental maths methods at home.

Computing

This term we will be looking at researching skills and using search engines. We will then explore and have a go at programming, creating different sequences and images.

Spring Term 3 and 4

The Rainforest

This term we will be exploring The Rainforest, looking at where they are in the world; climates; life in the rainforest; why we need to do more to protect them and more!

We will be paying Drusilla's Park a visit, where we will be treated to a Rainforest workshop by the keepers and have fun learning outside of school!

We look forward to your continued support and involvement over the coming term.

PE

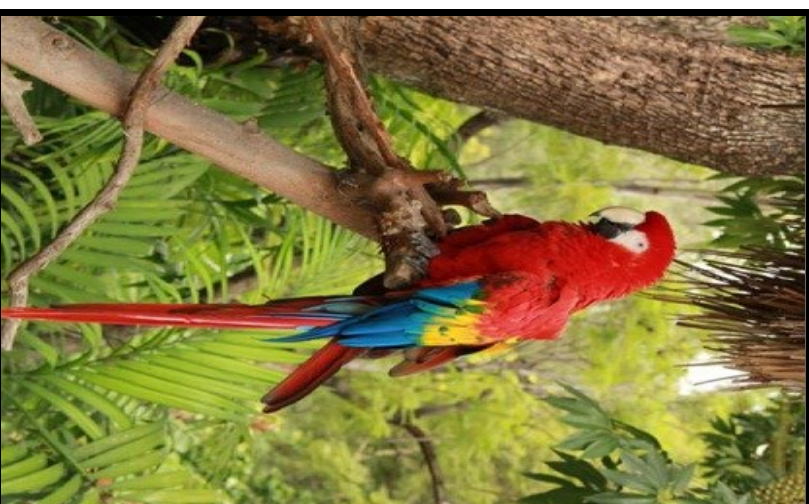
Mr Dolton will teach PE on Fridays. This term he is focusing on orienteering and outdoor games. Children's PE kits should be in school all week, ready for

Values

Our values this Spring are Creativity and Humility which will feed into collective worship. A weekly question will appear in homework for you to discuss with your child and answer.

French

The French topics this term are Family and Friends and School Life. We will be learning how to talk about our family and where we live. We will also be learning the words for different equipment, school subjects and having a maths lesson totally in French!



Art/DT/Music

In DT we will be designing and making a range of Brazilian food—stay tuned for your list of ingredients! In Art, we are exploring still life drawings, taking a look at the work of Artists such as Morandi and Mary Fedden. We will use instruments to create soundscapes of the Rainforest in Music.

Forest School

We will also be taking part in Forest School on various Thursdays throughout the year. You can find these dates over-leaf.