



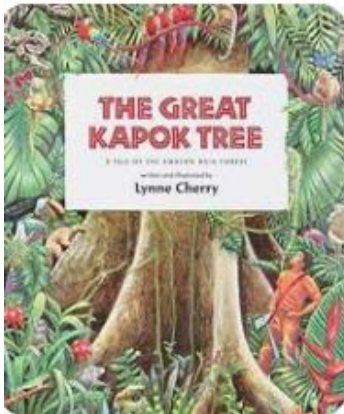
Year 3 Spring 2026 Newsletter



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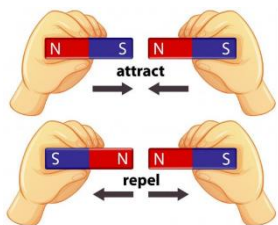
We can't believe we have already come to the end of the spring term and we are two thirds of the way through this academic year. We have had an action packed and enjoyable term and everyone has been working very hard.

In Maths lessons, the children have been honing their skills with regular informal arithmetic tests. They have really enjoyed using Times Tables Rock Stars too, which encourages them to learn fast recall of their times tables and related division facts, ready for the Multiplication Check test in Year 4.



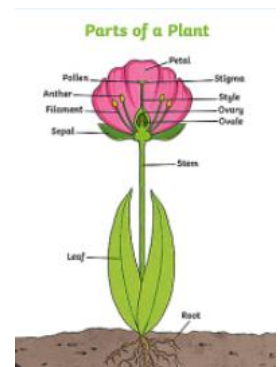
Spring term English lessons began with a book by Lynne Cherry called "The Great Kapok Tree." This beautifully written and illustrated book, tells a story about the Amazon Rainforest and the animals that live there. The book takes everyone on a journey through the biodiversity of the rainforest and the illustrations were a great starting point for some very imaginative discussions and narrative writing. The children also wrote

persuasive letters to logging companies, explaining the plight of the rainforest and the people and animals who live there, as well as the harm deforestation is doing. They also completed some amazing artwork which related to the rainforest.



Science this term was all about Forces and Magnets, then we started learning about plants. The children found out all about magnetic poles and explored how magnetic poles repel and attract. They carried out investigations into friction, discovering that

the smoother the surface the less friction and the rougher the surface, the more friction. The children also learned all about the parts of a plant and the different jobs they do. They have planted different seeds and a garlic bulb and are looking forward to seeing how these have grown after the holidays.





Another highlight of this term was Science Week. Thanks go to Mrs Bayliss and Miss Griffin for organising it for everyone to enjoy. The children carried out lots of different investigations, made circus themed shadow puppets, completed a BBC Live Lesson about light travelling in straight lines and found out about World Water Day and how precious a commodity water is.



This term's Geography topic linked with Art and English because it was all about the Amazon rainforest. The children learned all about biodiversity and the negative effect that humans are having on planet Earth, by cutting down the rainforest. They found out that the rainforests are the home to thousands of plants and animals and how the trees give out oxygen and take in carbon dioxide. This helped them to understand how all the living things on the planet are linked and need each other to survive. They were also very interested in finding out about the tribes in the rainforest, the animals who live there and how precious the plants are to humans, as they are linked to so many medical discoveries used by human beings.

The beautiful rainforest inspired some lovely Art and the children enjoyed finding out about amazing creatures. Then they drew some beautiful iguanas and sketched some tropical leaves, as well as creating brightly coloured tropical collages which were very eye catching!



In other lessons Year 3 have really enjoyed learning French every week with Mrs Wills. As well as playing games and singing songs to learn French, they have held basic French conversations and used Language Nut on their chrome books, to practise their language skills.

In Music lessons, they have really enjoyed learning about rhythm and African drumming techniques. They have played African drumming music with Mrs Firth, along with inventing their own rhythms, to explore this genre.

After such a busy term, we would like to thank you for all your support and wish you all a very Happy Easter holiday.

With very best wishes from all the Year 3 team and children.

