

Year 3 Spring 2022 Class Newsletter.

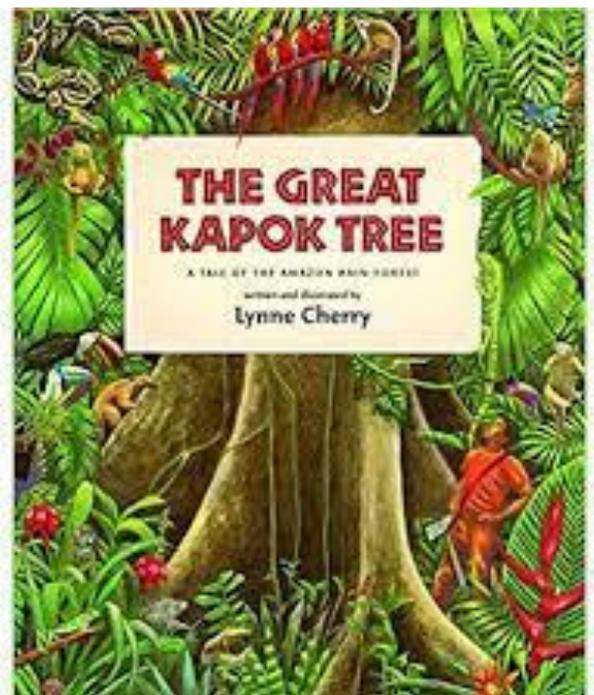
Hello from Year 3! We can't believe we have already come to the end of the spring term and we are two thirds of the way through Year Three! We have had an action packed and enjoyable term and everyone has been working very hard!

Our topic this term was 'The Rainforest'. We started off by finding out all about the location of the Earth's tropical rainforests and completed some detailed map work as you can see. We looked at the layers of the rainforest and which animals live in each layer. We also found facts about rainforest plants. Later we discussed conservation and the negative impact that logging is having on huge areas of the rainforest.



We used a book by Lynne Cherry, called "The Great Kapok Tree," to explore different writing genres. We wrote persuasive letters to an imaginary logging company to explain that the rainforests need protection. We also imagined that we had discovered a new rainforest animal and wrote notes and a

non-chronological report about our discovery. The children also used their chrome books to research lots of rainforest facts and completed some beautiful art work, including drawing chameleons, shading tropical leaves and some lovely collages.



Our Science topic "Plants" linked well with the rainforest work and the children learned about the parts of a plant and watched seeds germinate and grow. They designed and carried out experiments and investigations of their own. For example, working in groups to see what would happen when food colouring is put into cut flower water, to explore how water and nutrients travel around a plant. They made predictions and are waiting to find out whether their predictions are correct!

This is the result so far:



Before this we linked Science and Literacy together to find out all about the Water Cycle and volcanoes. The children made beautiful displays about these with scientific facts, labelled diagrams and water poems, as well as finding out about famous scientists.

Year 3 really enjoy learning German every week with Mrs Turner. They have learned how to count, greet each other and the names of family members. They like using their chrome books and "Languagenut" to support their learning.



In Numeracy the children have worked hard to hone their arithmetic skills, with regular informal tests to develop their knowledge. Many Year 3 children have already got their bronze, silver and gold times tables awards. We will continue to test them on their times tables and related division facts to make sure as many as possible get their gold before the end of the summer term. They have really



enjoyed using 'Times Tables Rock Stars' and 'Hit the Button' to help them to achieve this. We are very proud of them for their ongoing commitment to learning their facts and we look forward to giving out more awards in the summer term.

Year 3 have continued to enjoy weekly sessions with a specialist P.E coach. They have been doing circuits and inventing gymnastic sequences. Recently they have taken part in a special PE "A life" Workshop, which encouraged fun fitness through circuit training.

Finally, it just remains to say thank you for all of your support this term. It was lovely to meet you at Parent's Evening and show you their hard work. We wish you all a very Happy Easter holiday.

With best wishes from Mrs Reid, Miss Kelly, Miss Bethel, Mrs Stephenson, Miss Shield, Mrs Shevlane and Mrs Braybrook.