

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after a lovely Easter break. We hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing time. It is undoubtedly going to be another fabulous and fascinating term as we are exploring our new enquiry about 'The Rainforests'. We will be exploring features of rainforests around the world, thinking about;

Which plants and animals live in the rainforest?
What are the different layers of the rainforest?
Where are most tropical rainforests found?
What are the threats to rainforests?
Who are the peoples of the rainforest?

To start off our rainforest topic we will be having an experience day on Wednesday 18th April 2018. The children are invited to come to school dressed as an animal or in colours of the Rainforest. Some of our lessons will be outdoors on this day so please bear this in mind when choosing what to wear. As well as this, we will be inviting Eco Animal Encounters into our school to explore rainforest animals.

Dates for the diary:

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| 16 th April: Back to school | 4 th June: Back to school |
| 18 th April: Rainforest day (see above) & No Pens Wednesday | 6 th June: No Pens Wednesday |
| 24 th April: Class Photos | 16 th June: Summer Fair |
| 7 th May: Bank Holiday | 20 th June: Year 4 Cooking Day |
| 8 th May: TD Day | 22 nd June: Book Look |
| 18 th May: Relative Reading | 25 th June: Assessment Week |
| 24 th May: Cadbury's World Trip 7:45am-4:00pm | 27 th June: Sports Day |
| 25 th May: Break up at 3:00pm | 28 th June: Reserve Sports Day |
| | 11 th July: International Day & British Values Day |
| | 23 rd July: Class Swaps |
| | 24 th July: Reports to parents |
| | 26 th July: Break up 1:30pm |

Just a few reminders:

- Please ensure that your child always brings a **water bottle** and a hat to school this term. Children should dress appropriately for the weather adhering to school uniform policy.
- Please also ensure that children remember to keep their correct **PE kit** in school: house colour T-shirt, dark shorts (summer and indoor), socks, trainers or daps in school for the whole week. Children wishing to be excused from PE will need a note from home.
- Please encourage your child to read as much as possible whether it be a story, non-fiction text or a football magazine! We will be looking in the Home School Contact books regularly.

Homework will be set termly and will be shared and celebrated in class at the end of each term. In year 4, we have high expectations of children with regards to homework and we ask that every child completes their chosen task in full and to the highest standards expected in class. Please also continue to encourage your child to read a selection of different genres at home and write a comment in their Reading Record after doing so.

We have an open door policy at Red Oaks so please come and see us if you have any questions, concerns or would like to share children's celebrations. We will be available very briefly in the mornings at the door or if a longer session is needed, we can arrange a mutually convenient time after school.

Here's to an exciting first term of the new school year!

Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Rainford, Mr Newton, Mrs Hogan & Mrs Morgan.