

ST. MARY'S COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you for the many kind messages of support you have sent us during the lockdown period. We are incredibly proud that we have been able to offer parents/ carers and our pupils access to a full day's teaching much throughout this lockdown but I am extremely delighted to be welcoming all of our pupils back on Monday the 8th March!

This week, we have put plans into place for the safe return of pupils and staff. Many of the systems, measures and structures we set up during the Autumn Term can be reapplied. This includes our bubbles, our lunch and playground rota, our staggered start/pick up times and our school timetable. Fortunately, pupils will be able to come back without too many changes since they were in school during the Autumn Term.

We recognise that many of our pupils have been learning from home during lockdown and with this in mind, we will settle the children by focusing on physical, emotional and social wellbeing. All pupils will have the chance to catch up with friends, talk about their experiences and share how they feel about their return to school.

I would like to end with a quote from the Bible which reflects the positivity of joy in our lives.

"May the God of hope fill you all with joy and peace as you trust in him."

Romans 15:13



Yours faithfully,
Mrs Matthews

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you of the pick up and drop off times and the preventative measures we asked you to follow in the Autumn Term:

1. At all times, keep a two-metre distance from every adult during pick up and drop off
2. Do not send your child to school if they show symptoms – book a test
3. Do not send your child to school if someone in your household has tested positive
4. Always wear a face mask when collecting or dropping off
5. Follow the lockdown rules

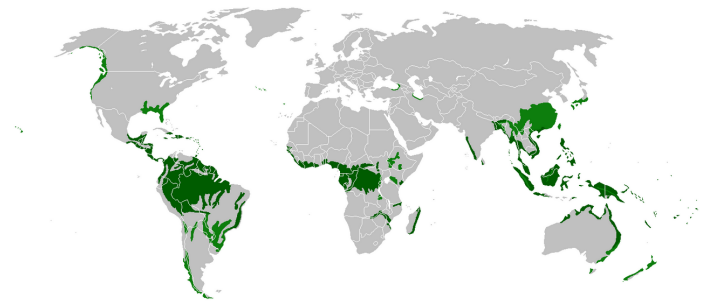
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Y6 Green/Blue	8:45	3:15	Nursery Gate
Y6 Yellow	8:50	3:20	Nursery Gate
Y6 Purple	8:55	3:25	Nursery Gate
Y5 Blue	8:45	3:15	South Gate 1
Y5 Yellow	8:45	3:15	South Gate 2
Y5 Purple	8:45	3:15	North Gate
Y4 Green	8:50	3:20	South Gate 1
Y4 Yellow	8:50	3:20	South Gate 2
Y4 Purple	8:50	3:20	North Gate
Y3 Green	8:55	3:25	South Gate 1
Y3 Yellow	8:55	3:25	North Gate
Y3 Purple	8:55	3:25	South Gate 2
Y2 Green/Blue	9:00	3:30	South Gate 1
Y2 Yellow	9:00	3:30	South Gate 2
Y2 Purple	9:00	3:30	North Gate
Y1 Green/Blue	9:05	3:35	South Gate 1
Y1 Yellow	9:05	3:35	South Gate 2
Y1 Purple	9:05	3:35	North Gate
Reception M	9:10	3:40	South Gate 1
Reception W	9:10	3:40	South Gate 2
Reception A	9:10	3:40	North Gate

Y4 Class Corner

Our new Topic in Year 4 is 'Rainforests'.

We have explored the location of rainforests across the world and how the rainforest is constructed of layers. This week, we explored four tribes who live/have lived in the Amazon Rainforest.

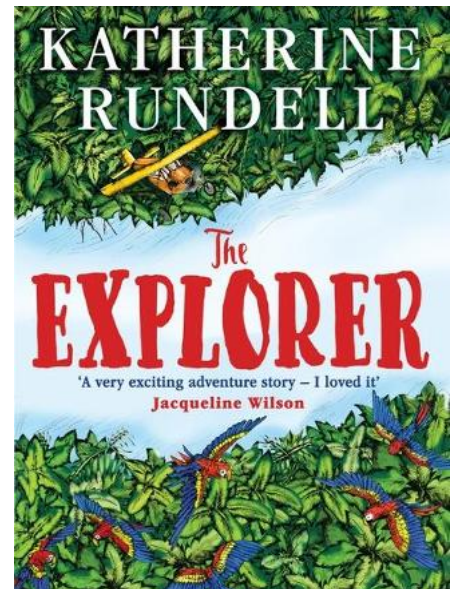
We made comparisons between ways of life and explored the impact that they have on the rainforest.



We have begun to think about deforestation and the impact of it on the rainforest and the tribes who inhabit there.

We've also been exploring our Spring 1 text : Explorer.

It's an exciting new novel about a group of children who must survive in the Amazon Rainforest after their plane crashes. We have analysed the thoughts and feelings of the characters and developed descriptive settings for the rainforest.



VALUE OF THE WEEK JOY

This week, we have been thinking about the value of **JOY**. In our assemblies this week, we listened to the story of Jesus when he turned water into wine.

This was a miracle and brought joy to all people who were attending the wedding as the party could continue.

What had brought you joy this week?

How have you brought joy to someone's life this week?

WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a fabulous celebration of World Book Day both in school and online and there were so many incredible costumes worn by children and teachers alike!

Take a look at just a snap-shot of these wonderful book characters who turned up to school on Thursday!





WORLD BOOK DAY MARCH 2021





St Mary's shoutouts

This week, a shoutout goes to each and every single pupil at St Mary's. We want to say a huge 'well done' for your resilience and hard work throughout this lockdown whether you have been in school or learning remotely.

We are very proud of you all and cannot wait to have you all back in school on Monday!

