



St. Teresa's Class

Year 5- Spring Term 1

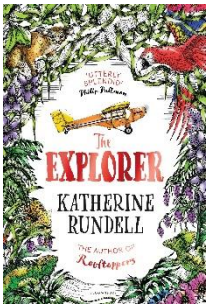


Dear Parents/Carers,

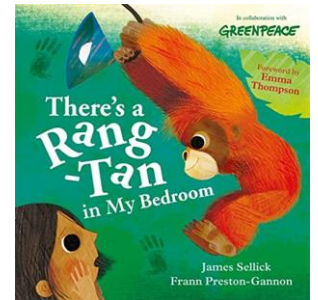
I hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas break and had a chance -over what is always an exciting and busy holiday- to recharge your batteries. The children worked so hard last term; especially in the final week, which was full of festive cheer, requiring the last remaining energy from both the children and adults to put on multiple performances.

During Spring Term 1, we will be starting our new topic 'From Rio to the Rainforest'. Before starting our new and exciting unit, we will be continuing our learning on 'The Anglo-Saxons and Vikings' in the first week back and then during our REACH activities and outdoor learning.

Over the course of the coming term we will be exploring a range of written genres and topics. Here is a taster of the sorts of exciting subjects the children will cover: Cinquians poems, persuasive letters, suspense and mystery story writing, outdoor and indoor cooking, living things and their habitats, and unpicking our enquiry question- What do we know about life in Brazil?. Children are more than welcome to bring in any books from home based around our new topic from Rio to the Rainforest; please can I ask you clearly name anything sent into school.



Our DEAR time text will be 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. Your child may wish to **bring in their own copy** to follow alongside the reader. We will also be looking closely at the story, 'There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom'. This text will drive our persuasive writing unit whilst also developing our understanding and knowledge of the impact we are having on our natural world.



As always I am available on the playground at the end of the school day, so please do not hesitate to speak or contact me throughout the school year.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Hathaway

Reminders

Homework will be set through TEAMS on a Friday, this will include:

- Spellings- these will be shared as before through TEAMS, and to be practised alongside their homework.
- A main focus on maths, English or religious education.

Homework is due on a Wednesday. Thank you to those of you who have continued to wow me through your homework.

- **Home reading-** by reading 5 times a week your child will receive a stamp towards their reading awards. Please ensure reading record is brought in daily to be checked (especially Thursdays).

Water bottles

- Children should be **bringing a water bottle** into school every day. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.

PE and Outdoor Learning

- PE will take place on a Friday afternoon. Children should wear trainers, a house colour top and navy/black shorts or jogging bottoms.
- Outdoor Learning will also take place on a Friday, **please ensure** waterproof clothing and a pair of wellies are in school for this.