



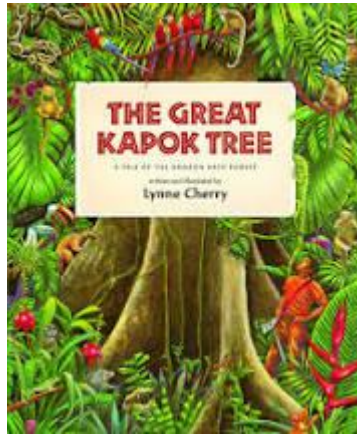
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Year Group: 4

English

Our first unit of English work this year ties in with our Rainforest topic and uses the fabulous picture book, The Great Kapok Tree.

We have been exploring vocabulary, acting out the actions of some of the creatures who live in the tree and learning how to build suspense through our writing. It was all great fun.



Maths

In maths, we have started where we always do - with place value. The children have really retained their knowledge from year 3 and were able to apply it to 4-digit numbers that include thousands. Great work.

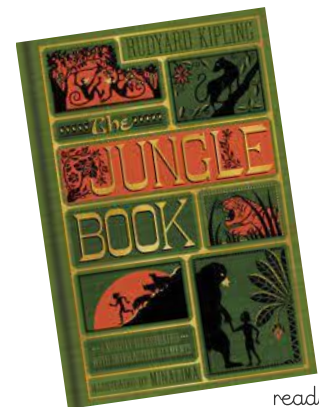


We have also started working on our times tables and our basic arithmetic, both extremely important building blocks to maths excellence

How you can help at home:

- Ensure that the children arrive for school on time at 8:50 each morning and that they are ready to learn, including coming to school with a charged iPad, their reading book and reading record
- Help the children familiarise themselves with all the online learning platforms that we use, knowing their passwords and usernames etc.
- Support the children with their first piece of homework, making sure that they extend their learning by working independently at home.

Book Recommendations:



Look no further than our class reader, The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling and the book we are working on in English - The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry!

The English classic, The Jungle Book tells of Mogwai's adventures in the jungle with his animal friends and is a great way to introduce your children to our country's literacy heritage; especially as you can also watch the Disney movie with them as well.

The Great Kapok tree warns us that the rainforests are a precious resource that we must look after. A timely message.

Non Negotiables:

'Everybody, every day' - Reading with your child every night and signing their diary.

Practise times tables including the division facts. Use Times Tables Rock Stars or any other method to practice. Your practice is paying off! Practising spellings on Spelling Shed. Keep in contact with us using Class Dojo.

Have a good week.