

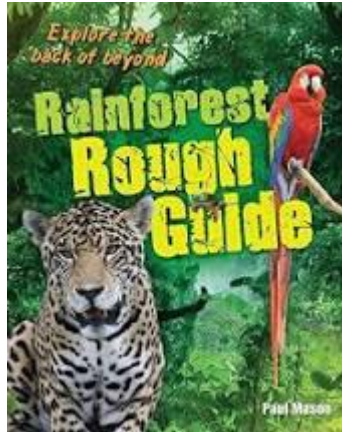


Date: 8/10/21

Year Group: 4

### English

We have taken the opportunity this week to make use of our iPads to write the first draft of an email to Sir David Attenborough explaining why a particular endangered rainforest animal should be saved.



We have then learnt about subordinate conjunctions and clauses and been able

to improve our work more easily on the iPads. The children have really responded well to this approach. We will continue to develop their writing next week.

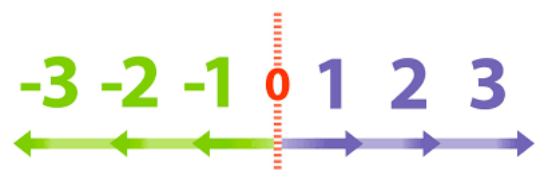
### How you can help at home:

- 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. **There are still quite a large number of children arriving late in the morning and receiving a late mark in the register.**
- Most children are now logging into their iPads and educational software like veterans. However, some children are still experiencing difficulties with updates etc. Please ensure they log on and use their iPads regularly at home to help with this.
- Year 4 children are playing Spelling Shed really well now. We would also like them to go on TT Rock Stars as well. Remember there is a times table check at the end of this year.

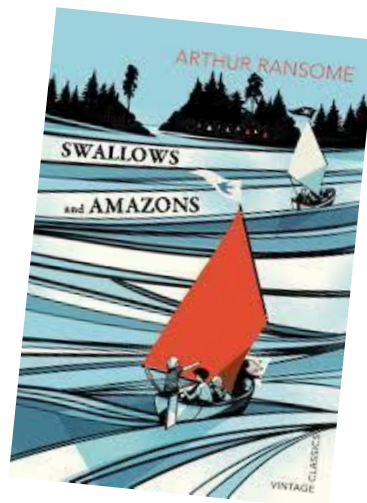
### Maths

We continue to explore our number system and place value in particular this half term. The children have moved quickly through rounding and will start to tackle negative numbers next week. This can be a challenging subject to understand so some prior learning would come in handy. Visit

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/search.aspx?q=negative+numbers> for a selective of fun, interactive games.



### Book Recommendations:



Reading classic stories of this type is one way of preparing children for secondary school and expanding their knowledge of different settings and time periods.

It is the summer holidays, and the Walker children - otherwise known as Captain John, Mate Susan, Able-Seaman Titty and Ship's Boy Roger - are excited to set sail on their boat Swallow and camp on Wild Cat Island. Exploring their new territory, camping in the open skies, swimming in the lake and fishing for their dinner would be adventure enough - but then they meet two fierce Amazon pirates who challenge them to a war.

Arthur Ransome's classic *Swallows and Amazons* stories begin with this first book, a delightful evocation of a wonderful summer of adventure, discovery and friendship. Inspired by the author's own real-life sailing adventures in the Lake District as a child.

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**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.