

# Helping Your Child at Home

## Reading

Please read with your child at least 4 times a week at home.

Every time your child reads their reading book at home please write in their Reading Record Book/Read Write Inc record. (date, book title, comment).

Your child can change their book daily first thing in the morning if they have read it at home.

Each time your child reads at home they will get a red token to put in the class token pot. This is to help encourage them to read at home. The class with the most tokens wins a reading trophy at the end of every term. Each term the classes aim to beat their previous term's number of reads.

## Home support

As well as reading at least 4 times week with an adult, children will be expected to complete weekly MyMaths homework from Term 2.

Tomorrow the children will bring home their first set of spellings.

These are handed out each Friday in readiness for the following Friday.

Your children will receive 2 smiley faces for correct spellings.

For extra support, please use [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) and

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

We would like to thank you for your support and we look forward to welcoming you all and working together.

## Year 2 Clubs

Information about clubs available for Year 2 will be communicated in the form of a letter or an email. These clubs are either free or may incur a small charge, this will be explained in the letter/email.

## Year 2



### Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 1 and welcome to Year 2!

We hope you all had a good summer break and that you are ready for the first term of the new academic year! We are excited to begin our new theme 'Rainforests'.

The purpose of this leaflet is to provide Year 2 pupils and parents with information about the term ahead. New leaflets will be emailed at the beginning of every term - these documents are also available to download on the school website: [www.standens.northants.sch.uk](http://www.standens.northants.sch.uk). Also, you can follow events in Year 2 on our school Facebook page/Twitter:

**@StandensBarnPS** - our *Twitter* feed is embedded on the homepage of the school website as well as on Facebook too.

### Theme - 'Rainforests'

Our theme for this term is based on Rainforests. This links with many areas of the curriculum, including science, art, geography and literacy where we will write fact files, scene descriptions and learn about different animals and their habitats. We will also find out where the continents are

**6th September - 20th October 2023**

# Year 2 Curriculum

Our theme for Term 1 is all about Rainforests. With the exception of Maths, RE, PSHE, and ICT all subjects will be linked to this theme in some way:

## Writing:

All our texts and writing genres this term will be connected to our 'Rainforests' theme. Through these units of work, the children will develop their speaking and listening, reading and writing skills:

- **animal fact files.**
- **Scene descriptions**

## Maths:

We will be spending time this term on place value and addition and subtraction.

## Geography

We will be locating where the rainforests are, locating the seven continents and the five oceans. We will be learning about the equator.

## Science

We will be learning about living things and their habitats in the rainforests.

## PSHE

We will start by understanding our feelings and know who to go to if we need to talk about our worries. We will also look at the scientific names for our private body parts and look at the NSPCC 'Pantosaurus' website and talk about keeping ourselves safe.

## Computing systems and networks

We will be learning about computing systems, networks and IT around us.

## Art

Children will be creating Rainforest art based on the French artist Henri Rousseau. They will use a variety of different materials and techniques such as cutting, sticking and layering.

## Music:

During this term, the children will be learning to use their voices expressively by singing traditional songs and rhymes. They will learn what is meant by a steady beat 'pulse' and 'rhythm.' The children will create rhythmic patterns based on the beats in words and phrases.

## PE: Run Jump Throw

Please send your child to school in their school PE kit on **THURSDAYS**

Please ensure that earrings are removed for this day.

# Overview of excursions and visits in Year 2

## Term 3

In Term 3 the children will be visiting Abington Park with a focus on Science and looking at different materials in and around our environment.

This will be free of charge.

We will also have a visiting Theatre Company to support the learning of The Great Fire of London. There will be a small charge for this experience.

## Term 6

In Term 6 we will be taking the children to Warwick Castle to support our theme of 'Step Back in Time'. Although the trip is heavily subsidised there will be a charge for this excursion.

**Thank you for your support, we really appreciate it and we are looking forward to an exciting and successful year together.**