

## Spring 1 in Year 1

This term our topic is Rainforests!

### Writing

In writing this term, we will be using our visit to The Living Rainforest as a stimulus for our Writing, writing facts about animals that we see and a recount of our trip. We will be introducing exciting vocabulary this term and putting a ban on boring words! Instead of writing 'tall trees' we will be looking to up level our language by changing it to 'The tall green trees towered over the rainforest floor'. We will be looking at how we structure our Writing to create engaging stories and explore the fiction book, Rainforest Explorers by Marnie Willow and then re-write our own class version.

### Maths

This term, we will be exploring place value within 20. Towards the end of the term our work again focuses on Addition and Subtraction and the variety of methods that will help us to understand and record these calculations within 20. Once the children have grasped the concepts, we will be focusing on reasoning through solving worded problems. Our KIRFS for this term are to know number bonds to 6 using both addition and subtraction, for example:  $1+5=6$ ,  $3+3=6$ ,  $6-3=3$ ,  $6-2=4$ . KIRFS are the termly assessments that provide our children with a gold, silver or bronze certificate. These assessments are timed and therefore ensuring these number facts are quickly recalled will help your child. There are home learning videos that can help you at home too for our learning this term and these can be found here: <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning?year=year-1>

### Science

In Science this term we will be revisiting the Season of Autumn and investigating the change to Winter, thinking about what is different and why. What happens at this time of year to the world around us. We will also be talking about Animals, what they eat and how we can group them in this way, we will look at the meanings of the words Carnivores, Herbivores and Omnivores. Take a look at this link together: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv/articles/zfbntrd>

### PE

Tennis is our core bat and ball skill focus this term, taught by U-Sports. In our teacher led PE sessions we will be developing our speed and agility, jumping, balance, control and coordination, turn taking and stamina in our Fitness unit of work.

### History

Thinking about Significant Individuals and building a timeline of air travel, we will be discussing the first flight with The Wright Brothers and Amelia Earhart. We will also be discussing the accomplishments of Mae Jemison who was a female that landed on the moon.

### RE

We will be learning about the events of Palm Sunday and how it is significant to Christians today.

### Art and DT

Our artist this term is Henri Rousseau and we will be recreating his painting of 'A Tiger in the Jungle' by using paint. We will also be making our own Jungle Buggies by using wheels and axels in DT.

### Computing

In our ICT time this term we will be using Purple Mash to look at sorting and grouping animals into groups of herbivores, omnivores and carnivores.

### PSHE

In our PSHE lessons this term we will also be thinking about our dreams and goals. We will be setting goals and working towards them with a real focus on resilience and how to overcome challenges.

### Music

Year 1 Music this term looks at the meaning of the vocabulary we use in our lessons. We will correspond the terms with the instruments we play and the music we listen to. Pulse (the heartbeat of the music), dynamics (the volume), tempo (the speed), timbre (quality of sound), pitch (how high or low) and rhythm (the pattern).



### Dates to remember...

**5th January**  
**INSET**

**6th January**  
**Back to School!**

**2nd February**  
**The Living Rainforest Trip**

**13th February**  
**School finishes at 3.20pm**

**Please don't forget to pay for your child's trip to The Living Rainforest.**

**Please contact**  
**admin@shinfield.wokingham**  
**.sch.uk for details how.**

**Year 1 Performance Dates –**  
**Spring 2**

**Apple Class – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Cherry Class – 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
**2026**

**Plum Class - 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

