



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Spring Term – Years 3 and 4 The Amazing Amazon



We are looking forward to our topic '**The Amazing Amazon**'. During the first half of the term, we have a Geography focus which will look at features of North and South America, with a special focus on the Amazon Rainforest. After half term, we will switch to a new History topic about the Ancient Mayan civilisation. To support the children's learning about rainforest habitats and deforestation, we will visit Drusillas Park on **Tuesday 20th January** (letter with further details will follow).



As always, if you have any topic related resources which might interest the children, we would be grateful if you could let them be brought into school to show. We would, of course, take the utmost care of them! The attached topic plan explores what we will be covering in a little more detail.

PE

Children will still be able to come to school in their PE kits on PE days. Please ensure the children have the correct PE uniform as well as appropriate footwear for these days. Our PE uniform includes a coloured house T-shirt, plain navy-blue joggers, leggings or shorts, white/blue/grey socks and either a navy school jumper/hoodie or navy fleece as well as any appropriate footwear (not colour dependent). Please note that PE hoodies should only be worn on PE days, not as part of the normal school uniform. Earrings should be removed for PE and Games or should be covered with micro-pore tape provided by you. Long hair must be tied back. All children will be expected to participate in sessions unless a note or email has been provided by a parent or carer explaining exclusion.



PE DAYS

The children will continue to benefit from the wide range of sports opportunities provided to them this term. The days which your child needs their PE kits in school are detailed below:

- Ecuador Class (Mr Hughes) Wednesday & Friday (swimming sessions have started)
- Scotland Class (Mr Marsh) Tuesday & Friday (swimming on Fridays from 20th March)
- France (Mrs Stringer) Wednesday & Thursday (swimming on Fridays from 20th March)

HOMEWORK

Children have a weekly maths homework as well as a fortnightly topic activity to complete. The topic activities sheet, along with their due dates is in their topic homework books (purple book). These activities may be completed in any order. The majority of topic



homework tasks should take **no longer than 40 minutes**. For Maths, children are set a short revision task on Sumdog, weekly. Once completed, any remaining time should be spent on TTRockstars in order to boost their recall of times table facts. Maths homework should **take up to 30 minutes**. It is **fine to stop after these times** if your child is struggling to complete the tasks. We do appreciate your support with your child's work at home. We have a homework club available to children in Year 3/4 on Monday lunchtimes, which the children can attend to help them with their homework.

SPELLINGS

As before, your child will be given a grid containing all of their term's spellings. We ask that it is put in a prominent place at home where they can refer to it on a weekly basis. Every Monday morning, they will be given their list of words for the week from which a range of spelling activities will be set. We have ensured that the activities are engaging in order to help the children learn their words. We would be grateful if your child can be in class from 8:45am to take advantage of this.



HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES



As part of our aim to provide our children with healthy life styles, we would like to remind you that your child should be provided with a healthy packed lunch if they do not have a hot meal booked. If your child would like a snack at break time, please can you ensure it is a piece of fruit or vegetables, such as an apple or carrot sticks. **Please do not send your child to school with nuts, peanut butter, Nutella chocolate spread or products containing nuts and sesame as we do have children in school who are severely allergic to such items.**

WATER BOTTLES

Your child should be encouraged to bring a named plastic bottle of drinking water to have in class - **these should not be used for squash or fruit juice** please. Children are encouraged to fill these up at the start of the day and during break and lunchtimes.



Communication

Should you need to get in touch with us, send us an email or talk to us at the end of the day when collecting your child/children.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Stringer, Mr Marsh and Mr Hughes