



# Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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## 6TS AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your child/children have enjoyed half term holiday and are ready for a busy half term leading up to Christmas. Over this half term we will continue to work on the core subject as well as participate in a few projects to add some variety to our work across a range of subjects.

### Maths

In our maths lessons we will be continuing to develop our calculation skills, arithmetic skills and our fraction knowledge. It is important that all pupils continue to work on improving their times tables knowledge, the related division facts and the speed at which they can recall number bonds to 100. All pupils are expected to be doing 20 minutes per week on Prodigy or Timestables Rock Stars at home which will help them with their work in class.

### English

Our first writing project will continue to focus on the Amazon Rainforest and will involve the skills of narrative writing as well as information and instruction writing. Our writing will largely be inspired by the books *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell and *The Lost book of Adventure* by Frances Lincoln Children's Books. There are a number of projects we will take part in this half term which will allow the children to experience something new. We will start with a writing competition related to nature which ties in really well with the work we did last term on rainforests.

Our second writing project will focus on the skills of narrative writing and will result in the children producing a horror story based on an animation called Alma. This writing will allow the class to demonstrate their improved use of language and grammar skills to create an impact on the reader.

### Topic

We will be continuing our rainforest topic this half term. The children will continue to reflect on why rainforests are important, the implications of logging and what life is like for the indigenous people living in the rainforest. We will also look at South America as a continent and learn about some of the countries which form this continent.

### PE Lessons

PE lessons will be on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit in school on these days. As the weather gets colder, pupils are allowed to wear tracksuits rather than shorts for outdoor lessons – due to Covid-19 restrictions we will try to be outside as much as possible.

### Homework

English and Maths homework will now be set each Monday and needs to be completed by Friday.

### Google classroom

The children have now all received login details for google classroom. Some of our work in class will involve using this platform and as the term progresses, homework may be set this way for those who have access at home. One of the benefits of using google classroom is that the children can access what we have been doing at school when they are at home. Not only does this allow you to see what work we are doing, it also gives the children another audience for their work. Please ask your child to show you their work – not only is their writing improving, the way they are using ICT to present their work is also coming on well.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Saddington, Mrs Kingsbury, Mrs Piner.

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