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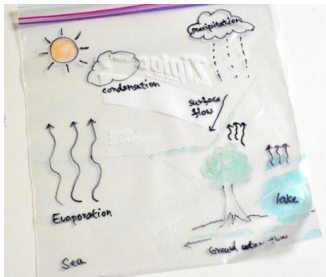
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Friday 3rd November 2023

Year 5 Autumn 2

Dear Parents,

We hope you had an enjoyable half term break. We are very much looking forward to the second part of the Autumn Term. The following letter includes some reminders and an outline of the term ahead.



Learning Challenge

This term the children are studying, “**Why should the rainforest be important to us all?**” The children have already begun learning to identify where in the world rainforests are found, about the layers of the rainforest and the different plants and animals that can be found there. They will go on to learn about the climate of a rainforest and the water cycle. Towards the end of the topic, they will find out about the people & settlements of the rainforest and understand the effects humans are having on them.



Homework

Thank you to all parents for supporting your child with their homework last half term. The standard of some of the homework has been very impressive. If you have any questions regarding homework, please do not hesitate to ask. The following is just a reminder of homework expectations:

- **read at least 3 times a week** (written and signed in homework diary by Friday)
- **practise weekly spelling words** (tested and handed out Monday)
- **20 minutes Timestable Rockstars** (log in codes in green homework diaries)
- **one piece from the learning challenge homework grid** (due in every Friday this term)

DAY	Homework and information	
Monday	Spelling test and new spellings	Children will have a week to complete their homework. If they cannot complete their homework at home please send write a note in their homework diary.
Tuesday		
Wednesday	PE	
Thursday		
Friday	Reading and Homework due	

Uniform

As we head into the winter can you please make sure that children have jumpers and coats that have been clearly names.



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P.E.

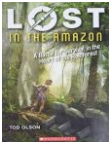

P.E. continues to be on **Wednesday afternoons**. The children will be learning hockey and gymnastics. Please can you ensure your child attends school in the appropriate school P.E kit along with their school jumper or cardigan.

Important Dates...

Monday 11th December 2.45pm Carols Around the Tree (more information will follow closer to the time)

Yours faithfully,
Miss Feather and Miss Nicholls

At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.

Year 5	Why should the rainforest be important to us all?
Subject	Areas Covered
Learning Enrichment	Carols around the tree
Reading:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Selecting and Retrieving key information- Inference and the use of language- Reading with expression- Texts- Lost in the Amazon and Fire Girl, Forest Boy. 
Writing:	Narrative <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Non chronological report- Persuasive Letter- Diary Entry  The Wonder Garden The Great Kapok Tree The Christmas Truce
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fractions-converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions, equivalence and addition and subtraction- Geometry – identify 2-D and 3-D shapes, angles, describe and represent the position of a shape, translation and reflection, finding angles on a line and at a point- Measurement – complete and interpret information in tables, timetables, converting between units of time- Place Value with measurement- estimate capacity, convert between units of measure , round decimals- Children will also complete Problem Solving and calculation tasks to help develop their understanding of Maths in context and improve their times tables knowledge
Art and design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Observational drawing (rainforest animals)
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Scratch programming (making a maze game)
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Playing brass instruments- Singing and performance
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Classifying living things, animal groups- Life cycles of common animals- The water cycle
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Map skills- Climate and biomes- Human and physical geography
Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hockey- dribbling, defence, passing, positioning and leading.- Gymnastics- balance, co-ordination, travelling
HeartSmart / PSHE	HeartSmart – Don't Forget to Let Love In



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Spanish	Clothes -masculine and feminine words - Speaking and listening - Using plurals
R.E.	- Prophecy: The Magi and their gifts.



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