

Dear Year 3 Parents and Carers,

Our curriculum project for this half term is 'Rainforests'.

We are extremely excited about this project as are the children. The buzz surrounding their learning is already contagious and the children have so many questions to ask. They are a very inquisitive cohort of children and this project is going to provide the perfect opportunity for them to explore, discover and immerse themselves into Sumatra.

Many of you will have now read the newsletter sent out before the Easter holidays where Mr Reilly talked about us developing the children's critical thinking through curriculum projects. In this project, we will be covering the issue of palm oil, deforestation and the impact of this on the animals, people and rainforests of Sumatra, Indonesia.

In particular, the children will: explore the key animals of Sumatra, find out about the indigenous people and learn about the impact that humans have on the rainforest.

We will also find out what palm oil is and why it is used, products that contain palm oil, the impact of palm oil plantations on the habitats, people and the animals of Sumatra. We will also think about how we can help and find out about solutions being developed in countries throughout the world to help for example, Iceland supermarkets have recently decided to ban all palm oil in all own brand items. To do this we will look at a lot of information about palm oil from sources such as newspapers, online articles and videos as well as the Chris Packham documentary 'In Search of the Lost Girl'.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or anyone in the Year 3 team should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Woods and the Year 3 team