



This term our topic will be: **RAINFORESTS and ROCKS**

Welcome to the new term! The summer term's homework is linked to our learning this term and will consist of Maths, Literacy and topic-related activities plus weekly arithmetic and spellings. **Spellings will continue to be set & tested on Tuesdays and Arithmetic homework set every Wednesday. All homework should be handed on Wednesdays, ready for the children to have their books returned on a Friday.** Tasks can be found on our class page on the school website, with lots of additional resources to help.

- 1. Research an animal that lives in the rainforest.** Remember to use safe websites to research or use non-fiction books; you could even visit your local library! Then, write a creature fact file using the information you have found out. Remember to write in your own words (do not just copy and paste), check your spelling and punctuation and try to make your work colourful and interesting. Fact files can be either handwritten or produced on a computer.
- 2. Draw a sketch of a rainforest creature.** Look carefully at its features and draw your sketch exactly as you see them. Think about size, proportion, lines, shapes, spots scales etc.
- 3. Invent your own rainforest creature. Draw images or carefully cut out images of animals you have found.** Pick three or four different animals that stand out to you. Maybe the head of a capybara and the tail of a jaguar. Carefully cut out the images to create the animal you want to see. Be creative! As you're doing this, you might decide you want to add other elements. You could go back to the images and choose some different eyes, or perhaps some horns, or maybe another set of legs. It's totally up to you! Once you've made your creature, it's time to name it. You could combine different animal names to make a new word, like 'capytouncanjaguar' or 'slonkeybaraboa'!
- 4. Create a rainforest word search.** This can include countries that contain a rainforest, rainforest animal or any additional vocabulary that you can think of!
- 5. Make a rainforest diorama or garden in a bottle** - see examples and print outs.
How to build a terrarium <https://www.naturalbeachliving.com/rainforest-terrarium/>
- 6. Write an imaginative story about a child living, or going on an adventure, in a rainforest.** Think about where they are, what they see and hear, what they do.
- 7. Grow a herb/ cress head.** Herbs or cress can be grown easily in empty hard-boiled egg shells or yogurt pots, with some cotton wool. *EASY to GROW Project for Kids - Spring STEAM Activity! Edible Grass Head DIY*
<https://youtu.be/SZW5EIP8fVY?si=FEjtnDjz9OfjH0Yv>
Please send photos (printed or via the year3 email).
- 8. Write a guide explaining how to care for a plant.** Your guide should include advice and top tips for your reader and could include information about: where to keep the plant; how much sunlight is needed; how much water is needed; how to care for a plant indoors and outdoors; how to check the health of a plant.
- 9. Look in your garden and/or parks and surrounding areas at the different plants growing there.** Take some photographs or draw some examples of what you have found. If you can, try to name the plant and (some of) its features.
- 10. Maths home learning activities** – Measuring Mass – choose 3/5 from the menu of options (see p2 of homework letter pdf document on Class 3 webpage, or overleaf on printed copy of letter).

Y3 Maths Summer term home learning activities: Measuring Mass (kg & g)

Choose 3 of the following activities to complete from the options below:

1. Kitchen Weigh-In

Use kitchen scales to weigh at least **5 different items** at home (e.g. bag of rice, apple, loaf of bread). **Record the weight** in grams (g) or kilograms (kg). e.g:

Item	Estimated Mass	Actual Mass (kg/g)
Bag of flour	1 kg	1.05 kg
Apple	200 g	180 g

2. Heavy or Light?

Find **3 items** that are heavier than 1 kg and **3 items** that are lighter than 500 g. Write them in two lists.

3. Guess and Check

Choose **4 small items** (like a spoon, toy car, book, etc).

Guess their weight in **grams**, then check using a scale (if possible) or research average weights online.

4. Make a Mass Puzzle

Create a mass challenge for a family member. e.g:

"If a watermelon weighs 2.5 kg and a pineapple weighs 1.2 kg, how much do they weigh together?"

Write the question and the answer.

5. Mass Hunt Around the House

Complete this sentence for 5 things:

"The _____ is heavier than the _____."

e.g. "The laundry basket is heavier than the cat's food bowl."