Welcome to Year 2

Living and Learning in Harmony

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted as to how the children have settled in to life in Year 2. This half term is set to be busy with some festive activities at the end of the term. Please see the school website for important dates and events .

From

The Year 2 team .

Harmony principles this term are:

Adaptation

Interdependence

Autumn Term 2 Topic

In this topic children will begin by recapping their learning about the world's oceans and identifying hot and cold countries around the globe. They will take part in a knowledge harvest to share and record what they already know about rainforests. Children will learn where rainforests are found and explore the four layers of the rainforest

They will investigate the plants and animals that live in each layer and understand why rainforests are important for people, animals and the planet. Children will also learn about the dangers facing rainforests, including deforestation, and discuss ways we can help to protect them by reducing waste, recycling, using sustainable products and caring for the environment.

***I can say where the Amazon rainforest is located .**

***I can name the layers of the rainforest and discuss their characteristics**

If you have any resources that would be useful to our learning , please contact your class teacher.

PE days

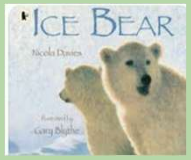
Sparrowhawks – Monday and Wednesday

Barn Owls – Monday and Wednesday

Kestrels – Monday and Wednesday

English

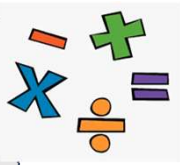
We will be focusing on the texts 'Lost and Found , the Ice Bear and the poetry book Snow. Children will be continuing to gather new vocabulary, work on grammar and use these skills to enhance their own writing



Maths

Our topics this term are

- Addition and subtraction
- 2D and 3D shape



Spellings

These words are quite tricky.
Please practice them at home .

rainforest
canopy
understorey
does

Geography vocabulary

Rainforest- A forest in a tropical area that receives a lot of rain
Interdependence- The fact of depending on each other
Protect-To keep something safe from damage
Location- A place or position
Amazon- A tropical region of South America
Climate- The general weather conditions usually found in a particular place

Website

Please check out our website and in particular the school news section. This showcases the learning we have been doing and links to activities for different subjects

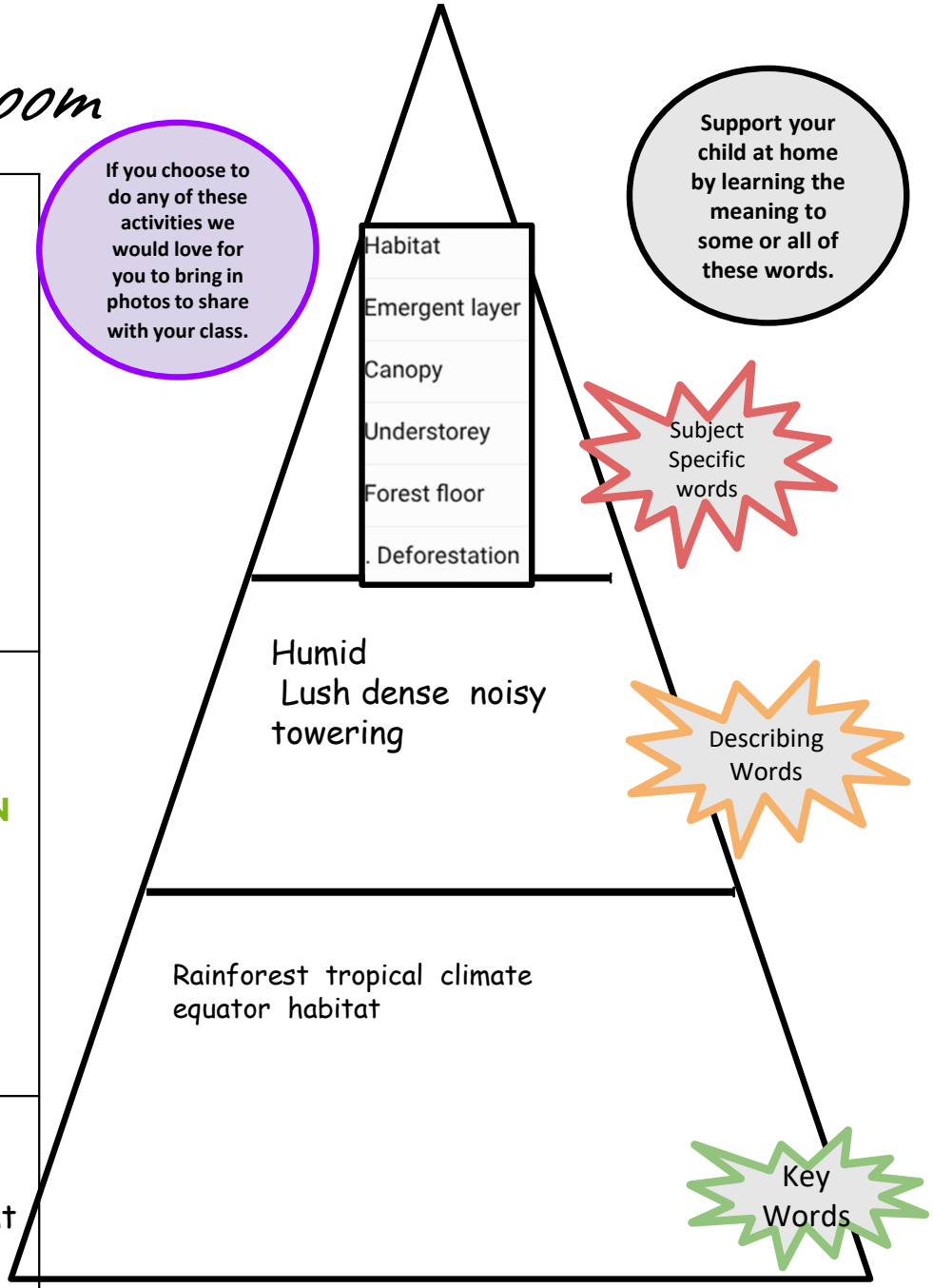
https://www.southfarnborough-inf.hants.sch.uk/school-news

Optional Learning Beyond the Classroom

Creative Activities	• Create your own miniature rainforest using a shoebox, paper, leaves, twigs and recycled materials. Include the four layers of the rainforest and some rainforest animals. • Choose a rainforest animal such as a toucan, sloth, jaguar or monkey. Make it using junk modelling, paint, paper or collage. Write three interesting facts about your animal.
Things to do	• Vist the living rainforest in https://livingrainforest.org/ **The Living Rainforest** **Hampstead Norreys, near Newbury, Berkshire RG18 0TN** • Visit the tropical house at Marwell zoo. https://www.marwell.org.uk • Revisit Wisley gardens and go to the rest of the glass house with the tropical plants
Research	Amazing Rainforest Plants Choose a rainforest plant, such as an orchid, bromeliad or giant water lily. Find out what makes it special and how it survives. Create: A labelled drawing or plant information card.

If you choose to do any of these activities we would love for you to bring in photos to share with your class.

Support your child at home by learning the meaning to some or all of these words.



Words to help with my learning