

Welcome to Mercury Class



January and February 2025

Happy New Year!

Our learning in January and February:

Our topic this half term is going to be Rainforests and Brazil. We will be able to Locate Brazil on a world map and use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features.

We will then be able to answer questions such as; Where is Brazil? What is the difference between life in Brazil and England? What is a rainforest? What animals can be found in the Rainforest? What plants can be found in the rainforest?

In February we are going to take the children on a trip to Twycross Zoo.

Our science focus for this half term will be on Animals. By the end of the unit, we will be able to identify and group different animals, observing their habitats and diet.

Literacy:

Our literacy this half term will be focusing on story writing with our focus story being Cinderella. We will be learning this fairy tale orally before changing some of the events to make a new story as a class and then individually. We will continue with our daily phonics lessons to support reading and writing.

Maths:

The maths this half term will have a big focus on place value as well as addition and subtraction with numbers within 20, increasing to numbers within 50. To begin with we will be using different strategies to help with arithmetic as well as encouraging children to answer missing number problems through reasoning and problem solving.

Supporting learning at home:

Maths- Numbots to support mental maths. Weekly worksheets given as homework.

Reading- read all three reading books and talk about what they have read.

Phonics – weekly phonics worksheets to continue. We have the Phonics Screening test in the summer term and are now practicing how to decode alien / unreal words. I will be sending some relevant practice worksheets home to support this.

Useful information:

PE: Our PE slots this term are on **Thursday (dodgeball) and Friday (dance).**

Clothing: Please make sure that **EVERYTHING** is named!

If you have any questions or would like to speak to me about anything then please don't hesitate to ask.

Mrs Gregory