

## Term 1 - Stingray and Starfish classes

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you have all enjoyed your summer break and your children are as excited as we are to start their new learning adventures in year 3!

Until Christmas, we will be intrepid explorers, travelling to South America as our learning adventure takes us on a journey to the tropical rainforests of the Amazing Amazon. Over the next term, we will be learning to locate countries, using maps and globes. We will also consider the effects of the climate on the physical geography and how that impacts on wildlife. This will link to our science topic – plants!

In English, we will write instructions for creating an Amazon creature, non-chronological reports about Amazon animals, poetry and adventure stories.

In maths, we will concentrate on place value initially including reading and writing numbers in words and figures, addition and subtraction. Spelling this term will focus on consolidating the high frequency words. In art and DT, we will study the artist Rousseau and use textiles to create rainforest animals.

As part of our learning adventure, we will visit Bristol Zoo – more details to follow.

For creative home learning this term, the children have a choice to **either** make a 3D model of an animal that lives in the Amazon which has a moving part in its design, **or** to use a box to create a rainforest, showing the types of plants and animals which inhabit a rainforest and its different layers.

If you have any further questions, please ask! It is helpful if you speak to us at the end of the school day so that your children are able to start their learning promptly in a morning.

We look forward to working with you this year.

Miss Rofer, Mrs Hibbert and Mrs Gregory.