

# Glenthorne Community Primary School

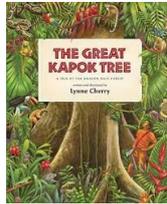
# Year 3 Newsletter



Spring 2 2025-2026

## English

Our text this half term is 'The Great Kapok Tree', by Lynne Cherry. It tells a tale about a man who starts to chop down a great kapok tree in the Amazon rainforest. Exhausted from his labours, he puts down his axe and rests, but as he sleeps the animals who live in the tree come and plead with him not to destroy their world.



## Science

This half term, Year Three will be studying 'Forces and Magnets'.

Through this topic, we will be comparing how things move on different surfaces, exploring forces and magnetism, magnetic materials and magnetic attraction.



## Maths

Year 3 will be looking at fractions. We will be gaining an understanding of numerators and denominators and using this to order and compare fractions. We will be finding unit and non-unit fractions of numbers and amounts. After this, we will learn how to add and subtract fractions.

We will also look at length and perimeter. Children will learn about measuring in metres, centimetres and millimetres. We will also look at measuring and calculating the perimeter of shapes.



## Rainforests

Our topic this half term is 'Rainforests'.

Through this topic, we will be learning about:

- Introducing the rainforest
- Layers of the rainforest
- Life in the rainforest
- Resources in the rainforest



Please remember to read your books at least 3 times a week. Reading records are due in on a **Wednesday**.

Spelling tests are on a **Friday**- use Spelling Shed to help you learn!

PE day is a **Thursday**.

Please log on to **TT Rockstars** regularly to practise your times tables.

# R.E

Our RE focus this half term will be 'Sharing special foods'. We will have the opportunity to investigate some features of key religious festivals and celebrations and identify similarities and differences. We will be looking at special foods in Christianity, Islam and Sikhism.



# P.S.H.E

Our topic this half term is 'Exercise'.

Through this topic, we will be learning about:

- Fitness challenges
- Food labelling and healthy swaps
- Attitudes towards drugs
- Keeping safe and why it's important in online and offline scenarios
- Respect for myself and others
- Healthy and safe choices



# Music

This half term we will be continuing to learn percussion instruments. We will be working on gaining confidence when performing.



# Computing

This half term, Year 3 will be learning about data and information with a focus on branching databases.



# French

Year 3 will complete French lessons this half term. They will be looking at 'Portraits' and learning language based on this.



# P.E

Our PE focus this half term will be 'Invasion Games' and 'Net and Ball Games'.



# Key Dates

- ★ Thursday 5th March—World Book Day (character dress up)
- ★ Wednesday 25th March- Botanical Gardens Trip
- ★ Wednesday/Thursday 25th-26th March—Parents Evenings
- ★ Friday 27th March- Easter activities (Year 3/4 Egg Drop)

