

Three weeks down... Three to go!

Attendance Still Matters

As school is closed to the vast majority of children, due to Covid, we will not be able to report weekly attendance figures, as we usually do.

However, attendance is still extremely important, so please do all you can to ensure your child continues to engage with the remote learning that all staff are working hard to provide.

If you require extra support from school, please contact either the class teacher of the school office. The school office is still staffed full time (Monday - Friday, 8.30am - 4.00pm).

We're half-way through this first half-term and hopefully half-way through the lockdown!

The last three weeks have been quite incredible - I feel really **PROUD**: **P**raise and positive feedback from parents has been wonderful, and it is truly appreciated by all staff at school.

Readiness to learn, including excellent attendance by our children who have been punctual and prepared for each lesson.

Open, honest and positive communication between 'school and home', ensuring that wellbeing and high quality learning remain the priorities.

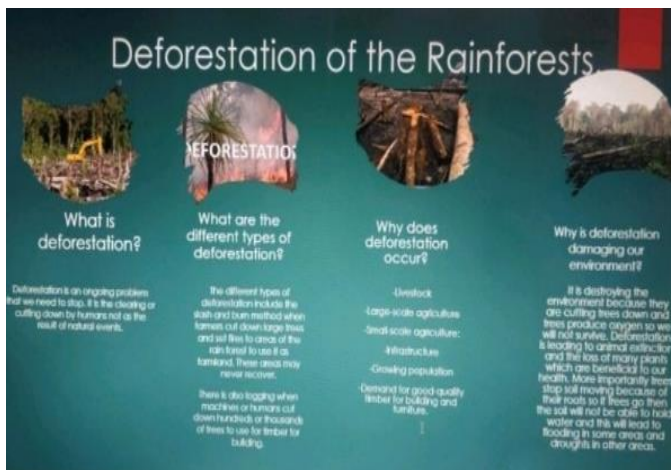
Uploding and posting some amazing learning, including excellent writing, speeches and performances.

Drive and determination from pupils, parents and staff. When things get tough, we remember the importance of being resilient and know that learning isn't supposed to be easy (and remote learning is definitely adding to the challenge of this)!

We're making our school motto, 'Achieving Excellence Together', a reality.

Please keep doing what you're doing - it is making a significant difference, ensuring that: gaps don't appear, that there is no regression and that previous learning is remembered.

Each week, we focus on work undertaken by a different class. This week, it was the turn of 5L who say... This week, in our geography lessons, we have been learning all about the deforestation of rainforests. We have even been writing letters to our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, asking for his help with this urgent matter. Here are two examples of the work, which our children at home have completed.



21 January 2021

Boris Johnson
10 Downing Street

London, England, UK 🇬🇧

Dear Boris Johnson,

My name is Safa [redacted] and I am writing this letter to you about deforestation. Deforestation is for example when a lumberjack will come into a rainforest and take down trees. These trees contain carbon dioxide, 20% of the world's oxygen and also animals and insects habitats. Some animals you may find living in trees are: Brush-tail Possum, Genet, Silky Anteater, Greater Glider, Tarsier, Tree Kangaroo and Flying Lemur. Some insects that can be found in trees are: arachnids, reptiles, birds and mammals. I would tell you much more animals that could be found in trees but I don't want to make this letter too long because I know you are a busy person and I know you have a tight schedule.

How can deforestation affect the planet? Deforestation can damage the Planet Earth in different types of ways. A few ways deforestation can affect the planet are: Soil erosion, droughts, habitat loss, Lack of biodiversity and Climate change.

Why are the rainforests cut down? Trees are useful for many different reasons. They are used for building, firewood, and of course trees are used for paper. Trees are also used for making furniture because, in the forest there are hardwoods such as teak or mahogany. Teak and mahogany are strong and perfect for building furniture. I am going to make the letter short here. I hope you can make a change and stop deforestation.

Yours sincerely, Safa [redacted]