



Spruce Class Newsletter



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Hi everyone, welcome back!

This half term is a slightly shorter one so definitely a bit packed in with lots of stuff to get done. In humanities, we will be moving away from RE and into geography as this unit is all about threatened eco-systems. In particular we will be learning all about rainforests, the plants, animals and climate that creates this unique environment.

In Maths, we have moved on to a new geometry unit. We have already made a start this week on naming shapes and recognising parallel and perpendicular lines. We will be exploring angles and specific types of shapes such as triangles. Shape names can be something that people struggle to remember as they can be such strange words so it is always useful for them to try and recognise them in the world. Particularly how many sides! This just makes it a bit easier for them when we do more complex things as they aren't trying to remember the names at the same time.

In English we will be working on our speaking and listening submissions this half term. This can feel quite strange for students as they are required to hold a conversation, ask appropriate questions and recall information they have been told all about a given topic. The topics can vary and sometimes are really unusual, I've come across everything from fashion to TV to high visibility jackets! Any practise they can do at home asking and answering questions is really valuable.

PE is still on a Monday and kits and uniforms are still required. Please check everyone is coming to school in appropriate uniform.

Miss Kirk