Welcome back! During the Spring term in Robin Class we will embark upon a trip to The Amazon Rainforest. All of our learning will centre on this incredible Southern Hemisphere natural feature which still holds so many secrets yet to be uncovered!

Through our science topic, we will be learning about the functions of different flowering plants, exploring their lifecycle and particularly investigating the way water is transported within them. In addition to plants, we will be finding out about states of matter and grouping materials according to whether they are solid, liquid or gas.

Linking together music, design and technology and computing, we will listen to the sounds of the rainforest before recreating those sounds in a musical composition using our body and hands. This musical piece will deepen further as we design and make model musical instruments to mimic the sounds found in the rainforest. We will also be creating and combining sounds using technology, possibly incorporating some of our own sounds! Its is certainly a musical term as in addition, we will also be having introductory violin lessons as a whole class!

In geography we will explore the environmental regions of South America. We will be comparing the human geography with our village of Ardingly, learning more about the climate zones within the rainforest and investigating the water cycle. We will use atlases and globes to describe key geographical features. In art and design we will use oil pastels and collage to create our own interpretations of the rainforest including a large scale display of the four layers.

In RE this term we will consider what it is like for different communities around the world to follow God. As Easter approaches we will be thinking about what it means to be a Christian.

Our PE lessons this term will centre on dance, developing flexibility, strength, technique and control in response to the stimulus of the rainforest poetry we will be studying. On Friday mornings we will once again be swimming at Ardingly College.

All homework will continue to be set on a Friday and is due in the following Friday. In addition, our topic homework menu is attached.

If you have any questions about this term’s topic or your child in general please do not hesitate to contact me.

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