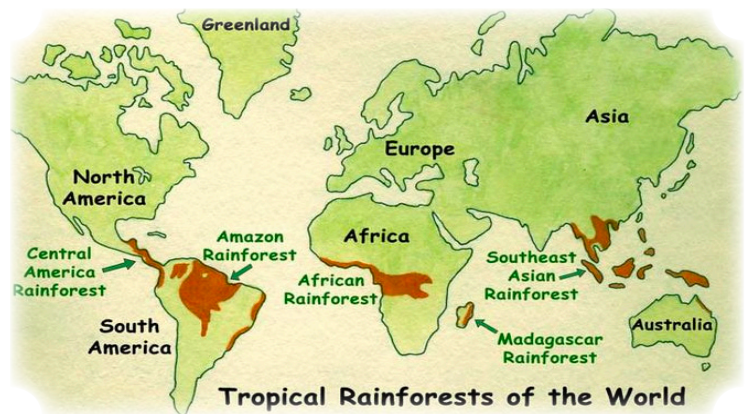


Year 3 Rainforest Explorers

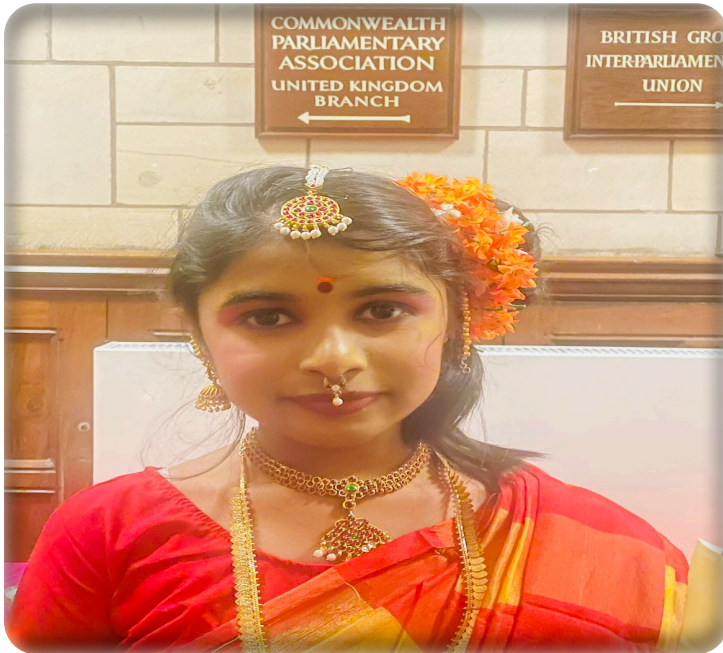
Our topic for this term in Geography is 'The Rainforest'. We have started off by finding out all about the locations of the Earth's tropical rainforests and we have completed some detailed map work. The children showed great excitement in using the atlases and globes to find tropical rainforests located on or across the equator.



They were also able to locate the different continents and write the names of different countries where tropical rainforests can be found. They learned that the largest tropical rainforest is the Amazon located in South America. Year 3 can't wait to learn more about rainforests in our Geography lessons!!!



Tamil Dance at the UK Parliament



We are thrilled to share the incredible news that one of our very own Year 6 students took centre stage at the prestigious **UK Houses of Parliament** to commemorate the **Tamil Heritage Month**. On the festive occasion of **Tamil Thaipongal Day**, our talented student, **Tanishka Sivendran**, graced the event with a captivating cultural village dance, symbolizing the joyous harvest celebrations of the Tamil community. During the event, she had the unique opportunity to interact with esteemed guests, including the Deputy Mayor of London, Members of Parliament and local councillors.



In addition to her performance and interactions, she was given an exclusive tour around the historic UK Parliament. Walking through the corridors of power, she gained valuable insights into the legislative process and the workings of our democratic system. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our Year 6 star for her outstanding performance at the UK Houses of Parliament.



Early Years Stay and Read!



We were very impressed by the second staging of our **'Stay and Read' workshops** in **Nursery and Reception**. Parents, guardians and carers read with their children and were given tips on how to encourage reading at home. Parents, guardians and carers were also given information on how to help their child improve on their reading comprehension. We look forward to more collaborative efforts between the home and school.



Boosters and After School Fun Clubs

Booster sessions have commenced on **Wednesday, 17th January for EYFS and KS1** and **Thursday, 18th January for KS2** and will be ongoing throughout the course of the term. Teachers have invited targeted children to attend these booster sessions in order to help develop their understanding and knowledge in Mathematics, Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Phonics or Writing. Please be advised that booster sessions take place in the **morning at 8:15 a.m.** for **Reception to Year 5** and **3:30 p.m. in the afternoon** for **Year 6**.

In addition, **After School Fun Clubs** will proceed from **Wednesday, 31st January** to the end of the Spring Term. To ensure that each child gets a fair opportunity to participate in a fun club, fun clubs will be limited to one club per child. Therefore, please state your order of preference when signing up. Thank you.



Stay and Read

Parents, Guardians and Carers, you are invited to a reading workshop where teachers will model the expectations of reading at home. Parents, Guardians and Carers will be required to sit with their child, read through, and be shown how they can complete the reading records. Teachers will go through a range of comprehension strategies that can be used at home, as well as, additional links for supporting reading at home. Please see below for the dates of each session:

Dates and Times	Classes
Tuesday, 23rd January @ 8:40 a.m.	Years 1 and 2
Wednesday, 24th January @ 8:40 a.m.	Years 3 and 4
Thursday, 25th January @ 8:40 a.m.	Years 5 and 6



Parent Workshop- Year 4

All parents, guardians and carers are invited to attend a **Multiplication Timetables Check Workshop** on **Monday, 5th February at 3:00 p.m.** in the **Infant Hall**. During the workshop, we will share strategies and ideas that could be used at home to support your child's learning. It will also give you opportunities to ask any questions regarding the **Year 4 Multiplication Timetables Check** which is due to be held in June. Thank you.

Winter Wellness



H4All is delighted to share their **Winter Wellness Directory 2024** with you and trusts you will find it useful. Please follow the link to our website to find out more information: <https://www.brooksideprimarysch.co.uk/latest-news/winter-wellness-directory-2024>

School Uniform - Cold Weather

Now that the weather is getting wetter and colder, we will need to work together to make sure that our standard of uniform does not slip. Whilst it is helpful and sensible for children to come to school in warm coats, jumpers and even Wellington boots, they must have their full school uniform (including blazers) and black school shoes with them every day. Thank you.

BROOKSIDE	Week Commencing: Monday, 22nd January
PRIMARY	MENU 1

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Goujons with Homemade Oven Baked Potato Slices and Beans	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Goujons with Homemade Oven Baked Potato Slices and Beans	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Chicken Goujons with Potatoes and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Strawberry Ice Cream and Fresh Strawberries	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Spaghetti Bolognese	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Spaghetti Bolognese	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Ratatouille Spaghetti	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Bolognese with Gluten free Pasta	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Jam Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Lightly Spiced Chicken Breast with Rice	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Lemon Tart	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Turkey Escalope with Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Strawberry Jelly	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	
Meal Choice 2	Tomato Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 3	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day		

Term dates

SPRING TERM 2024	
Staff Training: (Half day)	Monday 8th January 2024 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]
Staff Training: (Half day)	Tuesday 9th January 2024 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
Term Begins:	Wednesday 10th January 2024
Half Term:	Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2024
Term Ends:	Thursday 28th March 2024
SUMMER TERM 2024	
Staff Training: (Half day)	Monday 15th April 2024 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]
Staff Training: (Half day)	Tuesday 16th April 2024 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
Term Begins:	Wednesday 17th April 2024
Bank Holiday:	Monday 6th May 2024 (May Day)
Half Term:	Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2024
Term Ends:	Monday 22nd July 2024
Staff Training:	Tuesday 23rd July 2024
Staff Training:	Wednesday 24th July 2024



January to February 2024

JANUARY		
Tuesday, 23rd	8:40 a.m.	Years 1 and 2 Stay and Read
Tuesday, 23rd		National Handwriting Day
Wednesday, 24th	8:40 a.m.	Years 3 and 4 Stay and Read
Friday, 26th	8:40 a.m.	Years 5 and 6 Stay and Read
Monday, 29th - Friday, 2nd February		Life Base Workshops
Monday, 29th to Monday, 5th February		National Storytelling Week
Wednesday, 31st		After School Fun Clubs Begin
FEBRUARY		
Friday, 2nd		Young Voices Concert
Monday, 5th	3:00 p.m.	Multiplication Timetable Check Parent Workshop- Year 4
Tuesday, 6th		Safer Internet Day Pedestrian Training- Year 1 & Reception
Wednesday, 7th		Pedestrian Training- Year 3
Thursday, 8th		The Living Rainforest Trip- Year 3
Thursday, 8th		Christ Church Maths Challenge- Year 5
Friday, 9th		Pedestrian Training- Year 2
Friday, 9th		End of Spring 1 Term
Monday, 12th - Friday, 19th		Half-Term Break
Monday, 12th		Half-Term Fun Activities
Tuesday, 13th		Shrove Tuesday
Monday, 19th		Spring 2 Term Begins
Wednesday, 21st		International Mother Language Day
Wednesday, 21st		Petrie Museum (Egypt) Trip- Year 4
Thursday, 22nd		World Thinking Day
Monday, 26th		Internet Safety Presentation- Year 5 'Future Life' – Gangs, knife crime and drugs- Year 6
Tuesday, 27th		What police officers do and how we help people- Year 3 Personal Safety (Stranger Danger) Presentation- Year 4
Thursday, 29th	9:10 a.m.	Year 6 Canberra Parent Assembly

