



# Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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## 6TS AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year at Queensgate. Although this year has started a little different to previous years with new routines/rules for the children to learn, I hope your child is excited and enthusiastic to be back at school. I have been very pleased with how well the class has adapted to the new routines and I look forward to teaching them this year.

### Teaching Assistant

The teaching assistants for 6TS will be Mrs Piner and Mrs Kingsbury They will also be leading our PSHE/SEAL work this term.

### Topic

Our first topic of the year is 'Rainforest Explorers and Adventure'. The children will be studying various aspects of rainforests including learning about the location and structure of rainforests, why they are important, and learning about the lives of people living in these areas and the challenges they face. This topic will link with Art/DT and ICT and will also form a large part of our literacy lessons where the children will produce their own writing related to different aspects of the rainforest and adventure. The children will be encouraged to develop the mental skills required by explorers such as problem solving, resilience and logical thinking as well as some practical skills such as den making and model raft/canoe making.

### PE Lessons

We will have PE lessons on a Tuesday and a Friday. Due to Covid-19, these lessons will be outside unless the weather is very bad. Children should come to school in their PE kits on these days. As the weather gets cooler, they are allowed to wear a tracksuit.

### Homework

As we are trying to reduce the amount of materials being transferred between home and school, there will be no formal homework set for the time being. Children will be asked to work on their times table skills and if possible use the online activities Times Table Rockstars and Prodigy. The children already have the logins needed. We also ask that children set aside regular time for reading. See main school newsletter for reasons why.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Radcliffe, Mrs Kingsbury, Mrs Piner.