

# Just to let you know...

## English

This week the children have read a poem called 'The River's Story' written by Brian Patten. It is a narrative poem that relies on personification as a device to tell the story of a river's journey in time. The poem describes how human greed and pollution has led to the river's destruction.

The children are now planning to write their very own personification poem, in the same style as Brian Patten, about a tree in the Amazon Rainforest. The first half of the poem describes the beautiful paradise of the rainforest and the second half describes the arrival of humans and the awful destruction. Ask your child how they have used personification in their tree poem!



## Maths

This week in maths the children have been working on methods for mental and formal subtraction. We have been playing a variety of games to improve the speed of mental subtraction and completed money problems to practise formal column subtraction.

## English

After Half Term the children will be writing formal letters to various companies aiming to find out about their approaches to sustainability. Over the holiday please be thinking about who your child would like to send their letter to: local companies, people who work in environmental issues, the local council Environmental Department or any car companies are good examples. Please bring in a stamped addresses envelope for the first week back.

## This Week's Homework

Maths Facts: Money- due in Monday 15th  
Reading task: due in Wednesday 17th  
SPAG Worksheet: due in Thursday 18th  
Spelling rule: There will be no spellings over Half Term  
Maths worksheet: addition - due in Friday 12th

There will be no homework set over Half Term but please ensure that you are listening to your child read regularly. We would also like children to know their tables up to 12 inside out! We will be moving onto formal multiplication when we get back and quick retrieval of times tables is essential. If your child is secure, please challenge them to learn their 17 times table!

## Breaking Up for Half Term

We break up for Half Term next Wednesday (17th Oct). Please note that it is a half day and school will close before lunch at 12:15pm.

## Christmas Production (4th- 7th Dec)

Please note that auditions for the School Christmas Production of 'Oliver' will take place next Tuesday afternoon in school time (16th Oct). Please encourage your child to prepare a reading from the list provided if they would like a part!



