

# Diamond Class Newsletter

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This week Diamond Class explored problem solving, communicating, resilience and team work in the PWA activity "Snake Pit". With two planks and a few bases the children had to work out how to get the whole class across in a limited time without falling off. As you can see by the pictures this was an immense challenge which they did eventually succeed in.

This week we have started to look at Rainforests and launched this by reading the book "The Great Kapok Tree". This book raises some relevant issues about deforestation and the importance of protecting this habitat. We have had some interesting discussions already and will be delving deeper into these issues in the coming weeks.

In maths, we continue to apply our multiplication knowledge to reason and problem solve. This week the DFE published guidelines for the MTC (multiplication tables check) and we have confirmation that it will be held over a 3 week period in June, be online (computer or tablet) and the children will have 6 secs to answer 25 questions. Although this check will be for all tables up to 12x, there will be an emphasis on 6,7,8,9,12 as "**these have been determined to be the most difficult tables**" (DFE).

Speed of recall is most certainly a priority and the ability to enter information quickly a skill that needs mastering over the coming months. I have already recommended some websites that can help but thought it helpful to send these again.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10> (a new one)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/timetable/tgame1.html>

Reminders: We are still looking for medium size pine cones so we can start making decorations for our Christmas stall and your old soft animal toys that you would like rehoming.

Thank you, Mrs Moncrieff

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