Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope that you are all staying safe at home and that home schooling is going well. At this time of the year, we would usually be studying the short film “ Ride of Passage” on the Literacy Shed website. Here is the link for you to follow and find the film.

<http://www.literacyshed.com/the-other-cultures-shed.html>

If this doesn’t work properly, you can also access the film on <https://vimeo.com/36682203>

We study this film because it links so well to what we are covering in geography and in our Active Reading sessions on deforestation and climate change.

The film is about the fight to be the next chief for the village tribe. To achieve this, the young boys of the village are expected to go in to the rainforest and capture the largest animal. The person who catches the largest animal becomes the chief.

Toki is clearly apprehensive about going in to the jungle and killing animals. However, he meets a chameleon and together they have a wonderful adventure.

Here are some tasks you could do at home:

Discussion points:

1. Discuss the fact it’s boys and not girls who can become chief of the village;
2. Whether Toki is cut out to be the chief of the village;
3. How the monkey tricks Toki;
4. The journey Toki and the chameleon go on, gathering animals;
5. The friendship between Toki and the chameleon;
6. The fact the chameleon is cautious around a tiny bird;
7. Toki’s dilemma when the chameleon gets captured- if he kills the chameleon, he would be chief; if he lets the chameleon go, he will still have a friend.

Draw a picture of Toki and around it write a list of emotions Toki may have been feeling at different points of the film e.g. before he went in to the rainforest; once he’s in the rainforest; when he meets the chameleon; the capture of the chameleon; his journey through the rainforest.

Write a list of all the animals Toki met or could meet in the rainforest.

Create your own colourful chameleon using whatever art medium you fancy! Or have!

Research animals in the rainforest.

Write a diary entry for a day in the life of Toki. Probably the day he went in to the rainforest was the most exciting day!

Write a letter to Toki asking him questions you would like to find out about living in the rainforest.

Create a map of Toki's village.

Write a conversation between Toki and the elders.

Complete the attached story board, writing your own story for the “Ride of Passage.” Remember to use lots of description to describe the tribe; Toki; the chameleon; the rainforest; different animals etc.

We also have included in the folder, the two texts covered in Active Reading sessions, which link to our Weather and Climate topic in geography and “Ride of Passage.”

Please save everything you do and bring it into school when we return. We look forward to sharing it with you.

Have fun!

Kind regards,

The Year Three Team.