

The Curriculum:

English: we will be studying non-fiction explanation texts, poetry and stories from other countries and cultures. Our shared and guided reading will form the basis for creative writing, drama, research skills, grammar, comprehension and punctuation. Spelling will also be taught weekly.

Maths: place value, application of the four main number operations, geometry/properties of shapes, problem solving, statistics, measuring length, fractions and decimals.

Topic: Rainforests!

Science: Living things, habitats, classification, adaptation and food chains.

Computing: Using Microsoft Excel to create a database.

Design and Technology: Cooking and textiles.

Art: Creating rainforest scenes and features using various media.

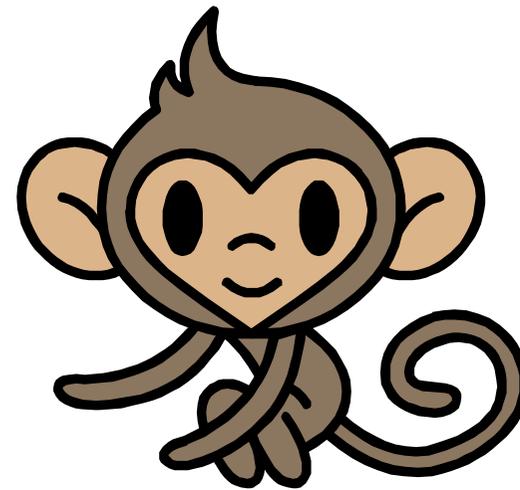
P.E: Swimming, hockey and rainforest dance.

Music: exploring the dynamics of music and notation using glockenspiels

RE: What do your clothes say about you?

How do Christians prepare for Easter?

Spring Term 2016



Year 4 Newsletter

Year 4 Spring

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope that you and the children had a lovely Christmas! We would like to say a HUGE thank you for all our lovely cards and gifts!

Our topic this term is rainforests. There are going to be lots of exciting things happening; please read through this newsletter carefully to find out what we are doing and make a note of the key dates.

Miss Scott, Miss Flint and the Year 4 Team

Basic Equipment for every day:

P.E. Kit — shorts, t-shirt, trainers, jogging tops and bottoms (all named please).

Reading book, reading records and spelling books.

Swimming kit every Monday

Pencil case (of a sensible size!), black hand writing pen, glue sticks and a packet of tissues.



Rainforest Day

This will be on Thursday 17th March—The children will be asked to come to school in rainforest-themed costumes on that day so you may want to start thinking about what this could be! Why not check the school 'costume cupboard' - to see if there is anything appropriate to be hired at a very reasonable price! We will also be asking for help from parents to provide cakes and help run the sale after school—watch this space!



Homework:

Monday—20 minutes Maths homework (often relating to the previous week's class work) to be handed in on Wednesday. Weekly homework may be a Mathematics task but Mathematics can also be accessed from home at any time for additional independent learning.

Wednesday—20 minutes English/topic or science to be handed in the following Monday.

In addition, children are expected to read and practise their times tables daily. Please remember to record daily reading in your child's reading record book. This should be signed by an adult at least three times each week. Personalised spellings, spelling rules and example words will also be sent home in the yellow spelling book every Friday (to be returned to school every Monday). Please take some time to learn these spellings on a weekly basis.

Open House:

This is held every first Thursday of the month from 3:20 to 4:00.

Dates For Your Diaries:

Rainforest Workshop: Thursday 21st January

4F assembly: Friday 26th February

Wisley Trip: Friday 4th March

Rainforest Day dressing-up and cake sale: Thursday 17th March

It is very important that you keep us up to date with any changes in personal details and circumstances so that both parents, in case of separation, for example, can receive all communications about their children.