

### **The Curriculum:**

**English:** linked to our rainforest topic, English will include non-fiction explanation texts, recounts, poetry and stories from other cultures. Spelling and grammar will also be taught weekly.

**Maths:** Time, multiplication, mass, fractions and decimals.

**Topic:** Rainforests!

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

**Computing:** Using Excel to create a database.

**Design and Technology:** Cooking and textiles (sewing).

**Art:** Creating a rainforest in the classroom using mixed media.

**P.E:** Swimming, dance and hockey.

**Music:** exploring the dynamics of music and notation using glockenspiels

**RE:** How does the Bible reveal God's rescue plan?

What does Lent mean for Christians?

#### **Basic Equipment for every day:**

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

Reading book and reading record.

Swimming kit every Monday.

One pencil case (to fit in child's tray), pencil, pen, glue stick and a packet of tissues. Please do not send in anything valuable but please name it/them if they do!

# SPRING TERM JANUARY 2020



## Year 4

# Newsletter

# Year 4 Spring

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope that you and the children enjoyed a lovely Christmas! We would also like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you for all your best wishes, lovely Christmas cards and gifts on behalf of the Year 4 staff team: you have been very kind!

Our topic this term is 'Rainforests'. There are going to be lots of exciting things happening; please read through this newsletter carefully and make a note of the key dates. If you have any rainforest books or cuddly toys, please send them in (named).

Many thanks,

Miss Johnson and Miss Ridsdale

## Homework:

Wednesday—20 minutes Maths homework (skills / linked to classwork) to be handed in by Friday. Weekly homework may be a Mathematics (or TT Rock Stars - tables) task but Mathematics can also be accessed from home at any time for additional independent learning.

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

Spellings- should be learned on a weekly basis.

In addition to the above, children are expected to read daily and practise times tables. Please remember to record daily reading in your child's reading record book and sign it at least three times each week, ready to be checked.

## Rainforest Wow Day!

This will be on Friday 6th 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!  
We will also be asking for help from parents to help with cooking or possibly sewing on that day—watch this space!

## Dates For Your Diaries:

Rainforest Workshop: Thursday 16th January  
Residential meeting: Monday 20th January (2.45-3.15)  
INSET day: Friday 24th January  
4Aspen Class Assembly: Friday 14th February  
Rainforest WOW Day: Friday 6th March

It is very important that you keep us up to date with any changes in personal details or family circumstances so that both parents can receive all communications about their children.