

**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, gymnastics and dance.

**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:

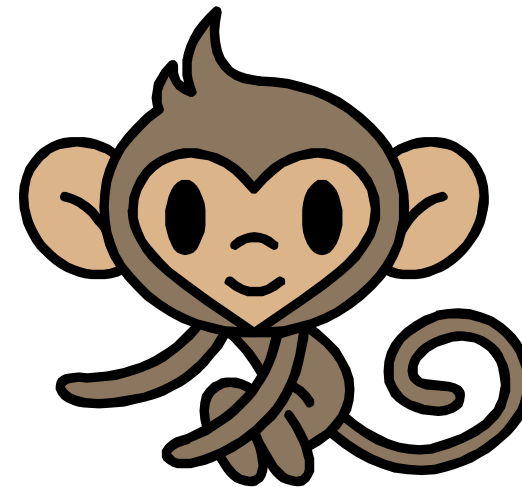
P.E. Kit — shorts, t-shirt, trainers, jogging tops and bottoms (all named please).

Reading book and reading record

Swimming kit every Monday

One pencil case (to fit in children's tray), pencil, pen, glue stick and a packet of tissues.

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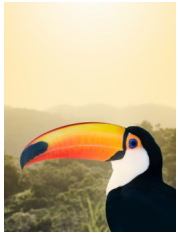
# Year 4 Spring

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.

Many thanks, Mrs Rees, Mrs Chase, Mrs Highton, Mrs Rapley,  
Mrs Eve and Mrs Winterman



## Dates For Your Diaries:

Rainforest Workshop: Friday 19th January

Rainforest WOW Day: Friday 2nd March

Open House first Thurs of the month 3.20-4.00pm

INSETS: Fri 26th Jan, Thurs 29th March.

## Homework:

Monday—20 minutes Maths homework (skills / linked to classwork) to be handed in by Wednesday. Weekly homework may be a Mathletics (or TT Rock Stars - tables) task but Mathletics 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.

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.

## Rainforest Wow Day!

This will be on Friday 2nd 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 help with cooking or possibly sewing on that day—watch this space!

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.