

Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 2022

Welcome to Year 4! I hope you have all had a lovely break over the summer holidays. Please find below an overview of the topics that we will be learning about over the next 7 weeks and some important notices for this term. We have got lots of exciting things planned and some great topics to get stuck into!

If you have any questions or queries, please contact Mrs GB via phone/email, or write a note in your child's reading record.

Best wishes, Miss Winfield

Our Learning in Year 4

English

We are basing our English work around 'The Lorax' and will focus on writing persuasive letters. Then, we will explore stories from historic settings.

Maths

We will start by learning about number and place value, then we will apply our knowledge of number to focus on addition and subtraction.

Science

In Science, we will be investigating Sound and the journey it takes from a source to our ears.

Geography

We will be exploring Rainforests and how they are important to us. This will link to our work on The Lorax, where we will learn about deforestation and its effects on the environment.

Art

Our Art work will also link to our Rainforests topic, where we will study John Dyer's colourful Rainforest paintings.

DT

Using our knowledge of Rainforests and the environment, we will design and create our own biomes, inspired by The Eden Project.

Music

We will begin our Music topic this term by analysing and recreating pop music by ABBA.

Spanish

We will be revising Spanish greetings and learning how to present ourselves.

PSHE

Our topic for this half-term is 'Being Me In My World'.

Computing

In Computing, we will be learning all about the Internet and how to safely evaluate content online.

RE

In RE, we will learn about the Trinity and why it is important for Christians.

PE

Children will need PE kits on **Mondays** please. For PE lessons, children should have a full kit to change into with suitable outdoor clothing and trainers. Long hair should be tied back and earrings should be removed where possible.

Swimming

During the first half-term, the children will also need swimming kits on **Wednesdays**.

Snacks

If you wish to provide your child with a snack for playtime, please make sure this is healthy – i.e. no chocolate bars or crisps. Please remember we are a nut free school too!

Homework

On **Fridays**, I will set a Spellings homework task and a Maths homework task. These will need to be completed in children's green homework books that they will take home and return to school on the following **Tuesday**. The children will have instructions for completing their homework in their green books. This term we will be working on improving accuracy and confidence with spellings. These homework tasks will support children's learning in school and the children will complete a spelling quiz on Fridays to check their progress.

Reading Books

The children will have the opportunity to read daily at school, either independently or with an adult. In Year 4, we will be promoting independence and organisation, and will expect the children to take home and return reading books and reading records to school **every day**. For 'free readers', these books can either be appropriate books from home, or chosen from our class reading corner.