

## Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter



### Summer 1 2018

Below is brief outline about what your child will be learning in Year 4 this half term. We hope you will take the opportunity to read and discuss it with your child.

Subject	
Literacy	This half term we are reading "The Great Kapok Tree" which is a story set in the Amazon rainforest. This will lead to the children writing a narrative of their own for this setting to develop their use of effective language choices. In reading we will be evaluating the impact of the language authors use and further developing our retrieval skills.
Numeracy	In Numeracy this half term we are studying a range of topics to include: measurement and time. The children will be applying taught mathematical skills to show they have truly understood them and are then able to apply these in real-life situations.
Science	This half term we shall be looking at comparing and grouping materials according to whether they are a solid, liquid or gas. We shall consider how some materials will change their state if they are heated or cooled. We shall then learn about the water cycle and the part that condensation and evaporation has to play.
Topic – Geography	We are studying South America as a continent, finding out about its countries, landmarks and climate. We will then focus on the Amazon Rainforest, investigating its structure, plants, animals and the problems of deforestation.
ICT	We will be developing our research skills to find out about a specific South American country and rainforest creatures.
RE	In RE we are studying the concept of <i>Identity</i> in the Sikh faith, focussing on the festival of Baisakhi.
PE	Our unit this half term is Dance- we will be linking this to topic and creating an "Explorers" motif. Outdoor sessions will be used to develop athletic skills.
Music	Our music this half term links to the Rainforests and South America theme. We will look at a piece based on Andean panpipe music, exploring duration and pitch, before embarking on a Samba drumming unit that involves layering together rhythmic patterns and following aural and visual signals.
Art / DT	In DT we will be linking our work to the Rainforest theme and learning about structures in order to create a shelter. In Art we will be studying the work of Henri Rousseau, "Tropical storm with a Tiger" leading on to creating our own Rainforest art.
French	We will revise numbers up to 30 and use these, along with days and months, to write significant dates. We'll learn the names of popular toys, express opinions on them and create price labels.