

Year 4 Newsletter

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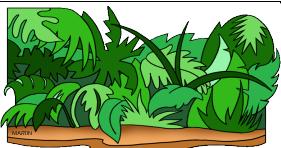
Swimming (Thursday Morning)

This term, we will be taking the children swimming on Thursday mornings, walking to and from Swallows Swimming Pool.



Please ensure that they have their swimming kit with them on Thursday so they are prepared. This includes a swimming hat, goggles, a towel and, of course, a costume/trunks.

Our topic in Term 4 is 'The Rainforest.'



Science: This term our topic is habitats. We will be looking at the way animals adapt to their environments and different ways of classifying animals.

English: Our main text this term is "The Great Kapok Tree," which is a story set in the Amazon Rainforest.

Maths: This term we are focusing our skills on Decimals and Measurements. Try to encourage your children to use any measuring equipment around the house, for example during cooking.

Topic Work: This term we will be looking at rainforests and the animals that live inside them.

PSHE: Following the 'APPLE' program.

RE: The origins of Christianity, the Disciples, Early Church and the spread of Christianity. Easter – why is it important for Christians?

How can you help at home?

Please support your child with their spellings and Maths homework wherever possible. The work set will support the learning they have done during the week. Please remember to read at home for 20 min per day and sign the reading record, so children are awarded for their hard work. Homework club is held weekly if your child needs support to complete their homework.

DATES FOR HOMEWORK:
Thursday, 1st & 15th March and
Wednesday 28th March

Times Table Tests!

Your child needs to be practising their times tables for our weekly Big Maths test and the 100 Club. They should know which ones they need to learn. The test will be completed as a rapid recall, with just seconds for them to remember the answer.

Please help them to do this.

Don't forget to book your Parent consultation:

Monday 5th March 4 - 7pm

Tuesday 6th March 3.30-5pm (letters with reply slip sent home with your child) Consultations are booked on first come first serve basis.

Reading

The children engage in many reading activities as part of their English sessions. Through the AR scheme, your child will have a band of books that they may choose from, which should all be suitable for their current reading ability. Your child needs to be secure with what they have read, so they may be encouraged to read their book more than once before completing the quiz. It is important that your child reads daily, we offer reading time in school throughout the day but this needs to be supported at home too. If you have any queries about the system, please contact your child's class teacher.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD BRINGS THEIR READING BOOK TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY and you have signed their reading record to say that you have listened to them read.



Water Bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. **This should contain water only, no juice or squash please.**



Children should come to school everyday wearing the correct uniform, including shoes. Please discuss with us if your child is not wearing the correct uniform or shoes.

Long hair **MUST** be tied up securely every day and be able to stay up all day. Bands will be given if they have not secured their hair. No nail varnish is to be worn.