

# Year 4 Newsletter



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## Spring Term

### English



In the Spring Term we will write:

- A setting description for 'The Explorer.'
- A narrative – linked to 'Matilda: The Musical'
- A set of instructions and a newspaper report based on Fairytales.

### Maths



In the Spring Term we will continue our work on multiplication and division. We will then move onto to fractions and decimals, where children will learn to add and subtract fractions and decimals and find a fraction of an amount.

### Science

Spring 1 – The Rainforest. We will explore rainforests including microhabitats and the impact of environmental change on the Rainforest and its ecosystem.

Spring 2 – Why we eat? We will explore our digestive system and how our bodies process food and drink.

### Wider Curriculum

**Geography** - Our topic is the Rainforests. We will explore where Rainforests are located around the world and take an in depth look at the impact of deforestation.

**PSHE** – We will explore managing risk (including online safety) and rights and respect (including how to make a difference).

**RE** - Our Key Questions are:

Could Buddha's teaching make the world a better place?

Is forgiveness always possible?

**Music** - We will explore different musical structures with songs linked to our Geography and Science topics.

**Art** – We will explore how the rainforest has been represented in art, exploring the work of Henri Rousseau.

**DT** – This half term we will make our own soup.



### PE

Our sports this term are handball, swimming and athletics

### How can you help at home?

Reading – please promote reading as much as possible by engaging with the book your child brings home and other books they may enjoy. This can be them reading to you, or you reading to them.

Times Tables – Revise times tables. Our favourite game is Hit the Button, which can be found on Top Marks. There are also some great games on Purple Mash.

[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds](#)

[Purple Mash by 2Simple](#)

Dojo – please engage with dojo as much as possible. The children love seeing when parents have viewed and liked posts.



### Key Dates

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Come Join Us Morning

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine's Disco

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Parents Evening

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Egg Hunt