



Newsletter

YEAR 4



SPRING TERM 2020

OUR THEME THIS TERM IS:

How are we helping our world?

We will look at how climate change, changes in weather across the world and our choices affect our world. Looking closely at the rainforest and its animals, as well as using our links with Melanesia, will be part of the ongoing Geography topic across the term. RE will focus on further understanding of Hinduism and why Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday.'

Science in the first half term we will be considering how animals have adapted to their habitats, later on we will be looking at changing states of matter and the water cycle.

Geography / History

What is our world like? How do weather systems and climates change over time? How can we compare Melanesia to our home? How have places changed over time?

Reading:

Guided reading in class will continue to be a focus. Pupils will also have individual books to enjoy and read at home and these need to be recorded in their reading record book. They need to write a book review for each book read. Our class reader is The one and only Ivan.

Maths this term will include: recap on multiplication and division, area and fractions in a multitude of ways and formats using Cuisenaire and other equipment to show and explain understanding. Some decimal activities will round out the term.

Music involves animal sounds and movement

Computing looks at Scratch programming.

Art will be focusing on creating 3d rainforest animals for our display. Later DT will involve sewing using different stitches for effect.

Do come in and help if you can spare an hour or two (just turn up we'll be very grateful), reading, working with groups and practical lessons are always in need of support.

French focuses on weather and later ordering drinks and food at a cafe.

PSHE We will be spending time looking at how we manage ourselves and respond to those around us. This will include understanding others motivations and difficulties also linking to our Geography Melanesia topic. Later this will continue with coping strategies.

P.E and Games:

PE lessons are on **Tuesdays** and **Games** lessons are on **Friday**. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit, black shorts and a white t-shirt for PE and a warm jumper and black jogging bottoms, or similar, to combat any cold weather during outside games. Waterproof trainers are required for the field. (No plimsolls needed as work in the hall is always barefoot). Please ensure children can take out earrings (and put them back in) for sports lessons, or do not wear them for that day. Long hair must be tied back.

Homework:

Year 4 can expect 20 minutes each evening. Pupils will be expected to **read regularly** and **learn times tables** and **spellings**. There will be **given tasks each week with Mathematics at the fore. English** which is often linked to the main half-term theme is also included. Homework is due (and given out) each **Friday**. All children will have a homework folder to do their work in.

Every week there must be a parent signature even if no homework has been completed, to show parents have seen what should be done.

Your child's individual maths and English targets are attached to the back of this sheet.

Any questions, do pop in and see me – after school is best!

Mrs Strawbridge