

# Year 4 News



June 2021

Welcome back Year 4! We hope you have had a wonderful half term break and are ready for lots of fun this term.

## Geography

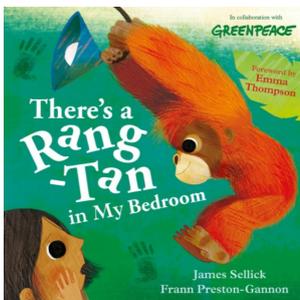


This term, we are studying the rainforest. We will begin by locating the world's tropical rainforests and labelling them

on a map. We will then move to understand the layers of the rainforest and the creatures that inhabit these layers. We will then look at the significance of the Amazon River for the animals and people that live in the rainforest. Finally, we will look at deforestation and the effect this has on our world.

## English

This term in English, we are using our knowledge tropical rainforests to invent a creature that could live there. We will then write a page from an encyclopedia describing this creature's appearance, habitat and diet. Following this we will write a traditional tale using our creature as a protagonist. In the final weeks of term we will use the stimulus 'There's a Rang-tan in my bedroom' to compose formal letters to companies that use large amounts of palm oil to urge them to use sustainable alternatives.



## Home Reading

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home. Dojos will be rewarded to those children who share their signed Reading Records with their class teacher.



## Art



This term we will be studying the artist Ruth Daniels. We will then practise our sketching skills by sketching various rainforest animals and plants. We will colour these using oil pastels and layer the pieces of work to create a rainforest scene.

## Maths

We will start this term by focussing on interpreting charts and line graphs. We will then move to learn about the properties of shapes by learning about the different types of angles in various shapes. After this, we will learn about the properties of triangles and quadrilaterals. Finally, We will learn to draw and move shapes on a grid.

## Times Tables

As we aim for all Year 4 children to know all of the times table facts up to 12x12 by the end of the year, we will continue to practise our tables on a regular basis (including using Times Table Rock Stars). We hope that the children can also continue this practise at home.



## Science

In science this term, we will be focussing on the impact that humans can have on an animal's habitat. To understand this we will be looking at recycling, plastic pollution and climate change and considering how the effects of these can cause huge problems for animal life around the world.

## RE

In RE, we will exploring the concept of spirituality and use language associated with the spirit. We will progress our skills of comparing and contrasting, to expand our ideas on how this relates to religious beliefs.

## PE

In PE this term, we will be learning to play cricket. During these sessions we will learn to bat, bowl and catch and will apply these skills to games of Kwik Cricket.

PE days for Year 4 are as follows:

4W: Tuesdays & Wednesdays

4C: Mondays & Wednesdays

4F: Wednesdays & Thursdays

Please ensure your child has the appropriate Westways PE kit (white t-shirt, dark shorts and trainers/plimsolls) for indoor sessions, as well as sweat-shirt and tracksuit bottoms for when we're outside!



## Spellings



Every Friday, the children will tested on 10 of the spellings from the spelling grid that is available on Google Classroom. Please encourage your child with their spelling homework.