



Class Newsletter

Year 4

Spring 2020

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are enjoying the new year.

Homework

Homework will begin again on Tuesday 14th January.

Homework is handed out on **Tuesday** and should be returned to school the following **Monday**.

Homework this term will consist of the following:

- A weekly Maths and English task to be completed in their homework books.
- Each week, a 'Mathletics' task will be set for the children to complete online.
- In addition, we ask children to play regularly on 'Times Table Rock Stars' to continue their preparation for the Year 4 times table test.



Take-Away Homework

This term the take-away homework is based on our topic 'Magical Rainforests'. The take-away menu will provide more information on this.

Spellings

Spelling tests will recommence the week beginning Monday 13th January. Ten spellings will be tested each week. Correct spellings are highlighted and the unhighlighted ones are the ten for the next week. Your child knows their group and the days. You can find this at the back of their reading records.



Reading

Books are changed on their spelling day. Please ensure your child brings their reading record to school every day, indicating the reading they have done during the week. If your child has read other books at home, please record this in their reading records as they will be awarded additional house points.

In our class, we have an additional rewards system for reading where children collect a stamp for every 50 pages they read, please encourage your children to engage with this as it will help to improve the speed and fluency of their reading as well as earning them additional house points.

English

In English this term we will focus on the following:

- *Instruction texts, stories from other cultures and formal persuasive texts.*
- *Regular punctuation and grammar sessions relating to the year 4 national curriculum.*
- *A range of spelling rules.*



Discovery Curriculum

Our main topic this term is Magical Rainforests. The learning journey for this topic will include:

- *Locating rainforests on maps and globes.*
- *Identifying which biomes rainforest belong to and what climates they have.*
- *Identifying the features and vegetation layers of a rainforest.*
- *Looking at animals that live in rainforests, their habitats and their population.*
- *Studying examples of tribes that still lead a traditional life in rainforests.*
- *Deforestation and the effect it is having on people, animals, plants and the surrounding areas.*

Maths

This term in Maths, we will be focusing on the following:

- *Formal multiplication and division methods*
- *Area*
- *Fractions*
- *Decimals*



PE

PE will continue to take place on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure PE kits are in school for every Thursday. PE is a compulsory part of the school curriculum and your child MUST have a letter if they are unable to participate in this subject.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Please let me know if you are available any afternoons to come in and listen to some readers.. If you have anything that you would like to discuss with me, please feel free to see me after school or book an appointment through the school office.

Miss Fearn