

Year 4

Summer 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to what promises to be an exciting and busy summer half term.

Our topic this half term is The Vanishing Rainforests. We will explore the topic through our English, science and geography lessons. The children will discover where the rainforests of the World are, why they are there, who and what inhabits them, their importance to the World and why their existence is threatened. Our topic will launch with a visit to **Roundhay Tropical World on Friday 8th June.**

In English we will be reading *The Great Kapok Tree* and *The Vanishing Rainforest*, beautiful books, which highlight the threat of deforestation that the rainforests face. The children will also explore poetry, persuasive writing and debate issues around the use of, and threats to, the rainforest. During this half term, we will be revisiting the spellings from previous terms. Please find a list of all the spellings overleaf. We would appreciate your support in helping your child to revisit these.

In maths, linking to our topic, we will start the term by revisiting time and then move to interpreting and presenting discrete and continuous data using appropriate graphical methods, including bar charts and time graphs. We will then explore geometry with properties of angles and quadrilaterals, before finishing the year with symmetry, position and co-ordinates. Our computing sessions will also link to maths through statistics and data handling, with lots of opportunities for the children to collect, present and interpret data electronically in a variety of contexts linked to the rainforest topic.

Learn by heart targets will continue to be sent home, the dates are also listed overleaf. Thank you again for helping your child to achieve fluency of fact recall, and application of their knowledge and understanding through these targets.

Year 4 Spelling List

accidentally	certain	guard	medicine	possession
actually	consider	guide	mention	potatoes
believe	continue	height	minute	pressure
bicycle	disappear	history	natural	purpose
breath	eighth	imagine	naughty	reign
breathe	enough	increase	occasion	separate
business	experience	important	occasionally	though
calendar	experiment	interest	ordinary	although
caught	famous	knowledge	particular	thought
centre	favourite	length	peculiar	through
century	February	library	possess	various

Book sent home	Book returned to school
Monday 11th June (Due to the Tropical World trip)	Wednesday 20 th June
Friday 22 nd June	Wednesday 4 th July
Friday 6 th July	Wednesday 18 th July

In Art and DT we will be making rainforest dioramas and collages based on the art work of Henri Rousseau. The children will be able to apply what they have learnt about the layers, habitat, and flora and fauna of the rainforest to their models and collages. Stand by for recycling bin raids!!!

In PE this half term, we will continue with tennis during our Friday outdoor sessions and move on to rounders later in the half term. Our Thursday indoor session will be gymnastics. **Sports day will take place on Wednesday 13th June**, we hope you can join us for the parents' race.

The children will be taking part in a fundraising event to support the rainforests on **Wednesday 11th July**.

We also hope that you can join us on **Thursday 19th July** from **3:20-4:00** for an exciting exhibition of all the amazing things the children have been working on throughout the half term.

As you can see, this half term promises to be a busy one. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support throughout this academic year and wish you a very happy summer holiday.

Kind regards
The Year Four Learning Team