

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 Thursday 6th 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 debate issues around the use of, and threats to, the rainforest.

In maths, linking to our topic, we will start the term by revisiting time and then move to interpreting and presenting data using appropriate graphs and charts. We will then explore geometry with properties of angles and quadrilaterals, before finishing the year with symmetry, position and co-ordinates. Our computing and science 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, animals and their habitats and the water cycle.

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

Book sent home	Book returned to school
Friday 7 th June	Wednesday 19 th June
Friday 21 st June	Wednesday 3 rd July
Friday 5 th July	Wednesday 17 th July

In art and design technology we will be working with Sharon Snaylam on an exciting textile project. We will be visiting the Hirstwood Nature Reserve to provide inspiration for our textile designs on Wednesday 5th June.

PE this half term will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. **Sports day will take place on Wednesday 12th June**, we hope you can join us for the parents race.

The children will be taking part in a fundraising event in aid of the rainforests during this half term.. Details will be provided nearer to the time.

As you can see, this half term will 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