




Year 4 Newsletter: Autumn 2 – 2023

Remarkable Rainforests

Our Learning Theme		
		<p>Welcome back. It's lovely to see everyone back in school after the half term break. We hope you had a relaxing break after the busy start to the school year. Our topic this half term continues to be Remarkable Rainforests. We will explore the topic through the many of our curriculum areas most noticeably within our reading, writing and art work.</p>
Year Four Team		Important Dates:
<p>Earhart Class Teacher – Mr Hurtault Fiennes Class Teachers - Miss Jacklin & Miss Walton Support Staff - Mrs Wilson (HTLA), Miss Hodgson (LSA) Miss Sayers (LSA) To contact us, email: office@saltaireps.co.uk</p>		<p>Friday 3rd November – Hirst Wood Nature Reserve Tues 14th & Weds 15th November - Parent Consultation Evenings Tues 14th - Mon 20th November - Book Fair Friday 17th November - Children in Need Weds 6th & Thurs 7th December - Christmas Concerts Friday 15th December - Christmas Lunch TBC- Rainforest exhibition of work</p>
Homework		PE Days
<p>Maths and spelling homework will be sent home every fortnight in the form of a Learn by Heart Target. The day homework is issued will change to Mondays this half term. We would appreciate any help you could give your child in becoming confident and fluent in their maths and spelling targets. Please could you continue to help your child with learning their times tables. Ideally, they should now be fluent in their 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 times tables.</p>		<p>Tuesday – Indoor Wednesday – Outdoor Please come to school in your PE kit on these days. Remember school colours (no football shirts) and warm kit for outdoor PE when it gets chilly please. During our outdoor PE sessions, we will be working alongside a qualified sports coach from KANGA sports education.</p>
		Learning Log
		<p>We hope that you are progressing well with your Learning Log and enjoying creating something that is of interest to you linked to our rainforest theme. This term's learning log should be returned to school by Monday 4th December.</p>
Curriculum		
English	Maths	Science
In English we will be working on a rainforest guide book. We will explore a number of types of writing in our books which will enable us to apply elements of the Year 4 grammar curriculum in meaningful contexts. We will continue to read our class book <i>The Explorer</i> and explore a range of other text types in our guided reading sessions.	In maths we will continue with adding and subtracting numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction where appropriate. Then we will explore area before finishing the half term with multiplication and division and our times tables up to 12 x 12.	In science we will begin by interpreting and creating food webs. Next, we will explore different types of teeth animals, including humans, have, their functions and structure and how we can look after our teeth. We will also be exploring the different parts of the human digestive system and how food is processed in our bodies to provide us with the vital nutrients we need to remain healthy.
Art	Music	Computing
We are extremely lucky to be working with Sharon Snaylam this half term in our art sessions. Our creations will be based on our rainforest theme - we can't wait to share them with you towards the end of the half term.	The children will continue to develop their glockenspiel skills in their music lessons. They will also be listening to, appraising and learning the songs in preparation for our Christmas concert.	This half term our computing sessions will follow the media strand of the curriculum. We will be creating an interactive food web linked to our science unit of work.
Other:		
<p>We will explore colours, adjectives and body parts in French. In RE we will be exploring how important events are remembered in ceremonies. Our Crew sessions will continue to develop a greater understanding of the fundamental British values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty and Respect and Tolerance. We will also explore elements of our PSHE curriculum in crew with a focus on feelings, emotions and conflict resolution.</p>		