




Year Four Newsletter: Autumn 1 – 2025

Remarkable Rainforests

Our Learning Theme		
<p>Welcome to Year 4! It's lovely to see everyone back in school after such a long break. We have an exciting half term planned with lots of interesting and engaging activities that we are sure will help the children to settle in quickly. Our topic this half term is Remarkable Rainforests. We will explore the topic through the majority of our curriculum areas. 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. We will also visit the wonderful Tropical World as part of our Remarkable Rainforest topic.</p>		<p>Important Dates:</p> <p>Wednesday 17th September - Individual photographs</p> <p>TBC– Tropical World</p> <p>TBC-Visit to Hirst Woods (weather dependent)</p> <p>Please try to remember your water bottle each day.</p>
Homework	Learning Log	
<p>Maths/English and spelling homework will be given and collected every Thursday.</p> <p>We will have a weekly spelling test on a Thursday.</p> <p>We would appreciate any additional help you could give your child in becoming confident and fluent in their maths and spelling targets. Please could you also help your child with learning their times tables. It would be fantastic if all children can be fluent in their 2, 5 and 10's as well as moving on to their 3, 4 and 8's. TTRockstars will be a great help in supporting your child with their Times Tables fluency, ahead of their Year 4 statutory assessment in June 2026.</p>	<p>A Learning Log activity will be sent home for your child to complete from Thursday 16th October and your child will be given a few weeks to complete their project. Your child's learning log should be returned to school by Thursday 13th November so we can 'showcase' their hard work. Children will be encouraged to follow their own line of enquiry linked to our exciting rainforest theme. Whilst children are given time to complete their Learning Logs, they will receive no other homework apart from weekly spellings.</p>	
<p>This half term SPS University Activity:</p> <p>Group Y4A - Sports - Coach</p> <p>Group Y4B - Explorers - Mrs Liddle</p>	<p>PE Days</p> <p>Monday – Outdoor Wednesday – Indoor</p> <p>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> <p>NB When your child is in Sports Club for SPS Uni (either this half term or next) they will need to wear their PE kit on a Tuesday afternoon also. Thank you.</p>	
Curriculum		
English	Maths	Science
<p>In English we will be enjoying creative writing linked to <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i>. In guided reading, we will be reading a number of texts such as <i>The Kapok Tree</i> and <i>The Vanishing Rainforest</i>. Our class reading book is called <i>The Explorer</i>, written by Katherine Rundell. These are beautiful books, which highlight the threat of deforestation that the rainforests and their inhabitants face. The children will also debate issues around the use of, and threats to, the rainforest.</p>	<p>In maths we will begin by extending our knowledge and understanding of place value, including numbers beyond 1000, negative numbers and Roman numerals. We will move on to adding and subtracting numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of column addition and subtraction where appropriate. We will also be working with the children on their times tables facts throughout this half term.</p>	<p>Our science will link to our topic and include exploring and using classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in our local and wider environment.</p> <p>We will learn about how environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.</p> <p>During our trip to Tropical World, we will participate in a workshop led by their education team called 'Eat or be eaten!' that links to our unit of work around the construction and interpretation of a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.</p>
Geography	Music	Computing
<p>In geography we will be exploring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">*What is a rainforest and where can we find them?*Why are rainforests important?*What lives and grows in rainforests?*Why are rainforests disappearing?	<p>In Year Four, children will explore and appraise a variety of different styles of music whilst continuing to develop their understanding of rhythm and beat.</p>	<p>We will begin the year by revisiting our e-Safety rules to ensure that the children are continuing to be responsible and safe digital citizens. Following that, our computing sessions will follow the media strand of the curriculum. This will culminate in a presentation on the rainforests, which will include sound, images and videos.</p>



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Other:	
<p>We will explore larger numbers and body parts in French and in RE we will be exploring what faiths are shared in our country.</p> <p>Our Crew sessions will help the children to settle into the routines and expectations of Year Four as well as providing an opportunity to develop a greater understanding of the fundamental British values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty and Respect and Tolerance. These values will also be explored in our PHSE topic of 'Being My Best.'</p>	<p>Year Four Team</p> <p>Earhart Class Teacher – Miss Toner</p> <p>Fiennes Class Teacher - Mrs Liddle (Mon-Thurs)</p> <p>Support Staff - Miss Nicol and Miss Taylor</p> <p>Friday cover in Fiennes- Mrs Wilson and Miss Brett</p>
We look forward to a super Year 4! To contact us, email: office@saltaireps.co.uk	