

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

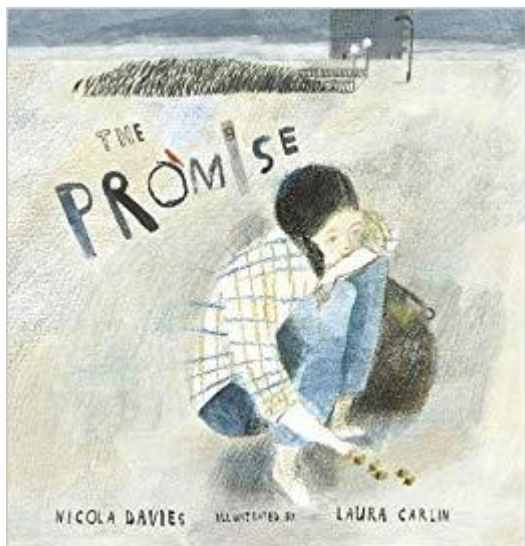
Spring Term 2020

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. Please find details of the exciting topics that Year 4 will be covering in the Spring Term.

English

We will be reading the book *The Promise* by Nicola Davies. The book is full of striking illustrations and interesting similes.

During the unit we will write a range of poetry and produce a persuasive text to encourage people to save the Amazon Rainforest.



The second text we will be looking at is *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Graham.

We will decipher lots of tricky vocabulary whilst reading this classic novel. We will take on the character of Mole through role play and writing a diary entry.

How can you help? Please read with your child three times per week. If you read with your child, record this in their reading record.

Maths



We will continue with our weekly Multiplication Monday and Tuesday Teasers.

How can you help? Ask your child to show you the Sound Check on TT Rockstars. Challenge them to improve their score.

During Spring Term, we will look at fractions and division. We will also learn all about shape including area and position. We will look at money and using column addition/subtraction to calculate total cost and change owed.

How can you help? When paying for things in cash, ask your child for help calculating the amount to pay and/or the change owed.

Geography

We will be learning all about South America and the Amazon Rainforest

During Spring 1, we will look at the countries that make up South America, in particular Brazil. We will identify physical and human features across the country before exploring the amazing Amazon Rainforest in Spring 2.

Art and D&T

We will look at the artist Levon Biss and his highly magnified images of insects.



In D&T, we will produce a pop-up book for children all about the Amazon Rainforest.

Computing

We will explore databases, discovering why they are useful and ultimately designing our own database, to provide information about the animals you can find in the Amazon Rainforest. In Spring 2, we will continue to work on our coding skills.

Science

We are learning about Living Things and their Habitats. We will start by exploring our local environment, including our very own Woodland Garden. We will sort the local wildlife by producing our own classification keys before branching out to the wider world and discovering the wildlife you can find in the Amazon Rainforest. We will investigate the effect of human activity on habitats across the world. We will also look at the water cycle.

R.E

Our R.E units this term include Prayer around the World and Exploring Easter.

General Notices

- During Spring 1 we will have PE on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please provide your child with an outdoor PE kit (hoodie/sweatshirt, long joggers and trainers). P.E kits need to be in school every day.
- During Spring 2 we will take swimming lessons as part of our PE curriculum. Further information will follow.
- Ukulele lessons will continue to take place every Monday.
- Homework is on a grid with a variety of tasks. These need to be completed by Monday 23rd March 2020.
- If you have a question or require any further guidance, please pop in and speak to us!

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