

# Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

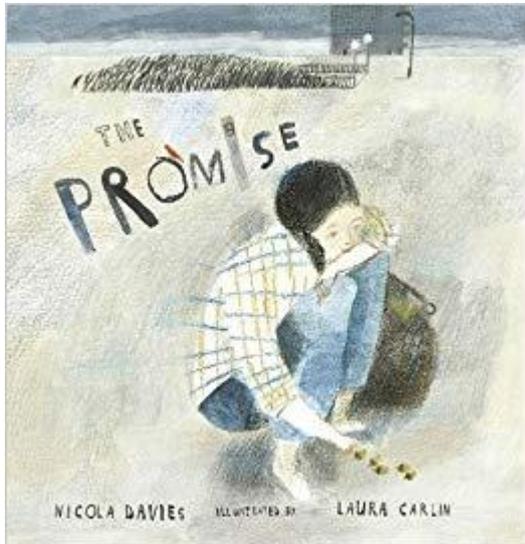
Spring Term 2023

Welcome back to school, I hope you have had a lovely Christmas, and a well-deserved break. Our class newsletters and homework grids are available on the school website.

## 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 Grahame. We will begin reading this as our class novel in the first half of the term.

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?** Read with your child every night, it is important that children develop a love of reading. Please discuss their books with them to encourage this.

Help them learn the year 4 spelling words, sent home at the beginning of the year. Please ask me if you need a new copy. **Spelling frame:** encourage children to practise their spellings in a fun and engaging way.

## 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.

We shall also be learning how to find the area of a 2-D shape and will be linking this to multiplication. It is important children know the difference between perimeter and area.

Encourage children to play on TT Rockstars, they need know all their tables up to 12 x 12.

Ready for the statutory test in June.

### 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 Wednesday. 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.
- 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 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
- Mrs Pope-Jones will continue to teach the children on a Friday.
- If you have a question or require any further guidance, please contact me on class dojo!

*Mrs Lowe and Mrs Pope-Jones*