

# Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

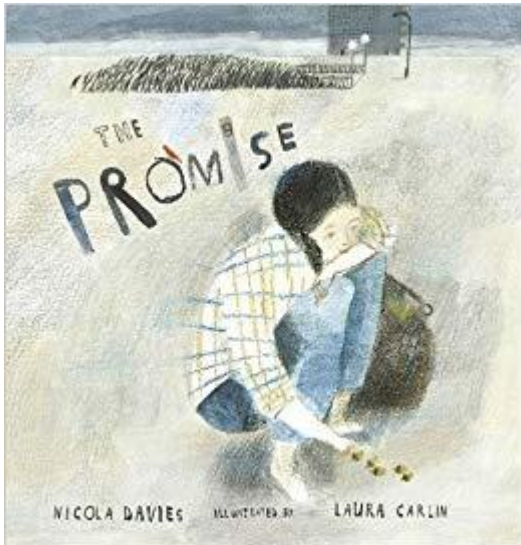
Spring Term 2018

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 get into character by writing Mole's diary entry. We will also take on the role of news reporter, writing an article on the arrest of Toad.

**How can you help?** Please try to read with your child twice 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 how to use TT Rockstars. Challenge them to improve their game speed by 1 second.

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.

### Topic (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.

### R.E

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

### Computing

We will produce a PowerPoint presentation all about South America. The presentation will really show off our computing skills! Our PowerPoint will include images, sounds and animations.

We will continue to share our fantastic work with the world via our class blog. You can read our work (and leave us a comment) here

<https://cccrblogs.net/year42018/>

### 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 also look at the water cycle.

### General Notices

- During Spring 1 we will have outdoor PE on a Monday and Dance on a Tuesday. Please provide your child with an outdoor PE kit (hoodie/sweatshirt and long joggers). 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 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
- If you have a question or need any further guidance, please pop in and speak to us!

**Year 4 Team:** Miss Grogan and Mrs Mahon