



April 2024

Year 4 Topic Letter Summer 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Summer term.

This term the topic being studied by Years 3 and 4 is **'Race around the World.'**

Below is a brief outline of our areas of study:

- **Science:** All living things and their habitats. The children will explore a variety of ways to identify, sort, group and classify living things. They will learn how animals are split into 'vertebrates' and 'invertebrates' and begin to consider the differences between living things within these classifications.
- **Geography:** All around the World, focusing on the Continents and the Southern and Northern Hemispheres.
- **History:** Maya Civilisation. To explore about who the Maya people were, where and when they lived.
- **Design Technology:** Food Technology, cooking and eating well. We will be focusing on what seasonal food that we grow in the UK for the months of April and May. We will be designing healthy recipes from food sources within our locality.
- **Art:** We will be creating Collage using photography with links to the Paris Olympics. The artistic expertise of collage lies in the choosing, arranging and affixing. As such, the term 'collage' comes from the French term '*coller*' to glue.
- **Religious Education:** What kind of world did Jesus want? When Jesus left what was the impact of Pentecost?
- **Computing:** Coding, including the Hour of Code. Explore and understand how to use search engines effectively Hardware Investigators. To understand the different parts that make up a computer.
- **Music:** To learn and perform music using glockenspiels, recorders and singing.
- **Physical Education:** Stool Ball and Athletics.

In addition, maths and literacy lessons will be taught daily (linked to our topic work when appropriate).

Summer 1 Maths Focus Fractions and Decimals.

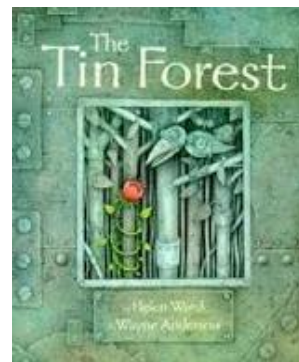
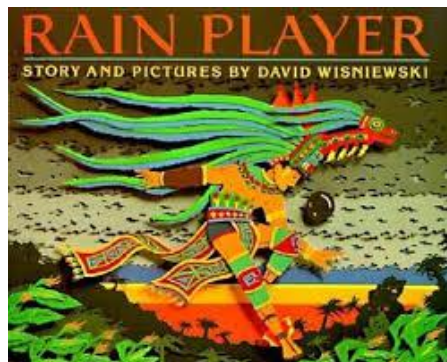
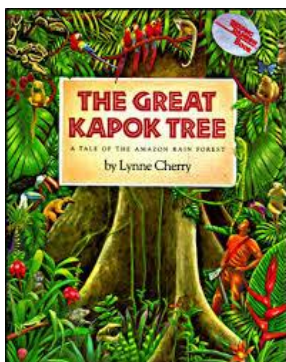
Summer 2 Maths Focus Money, time and properties of shape.



The children will have regular reading sessions, as well as other opportunities to practise reading skills by reading to adults in school.

When you hear your child read at home, please remember to write in the red log book. They will then get stickers and points towards golden time. I have also asked the children to write in their log book if they read to themselves at home. Please encourage your child to read everything around them. Road signs, cookery books, comics, you can even put the text on your television. The more they read the broader their vocabulary.

Our class books this term will be The Great Kapok Tree, The Tin Forest and the Rain Player.



The children have a red homework book which is sent home each day. They have the spelling frame and TTRockstars login for your child.

There will be spellings and times table to do each week. The homework book will need to be returned to school on Monday morning.

Times tables will be tested every Tuesday as all year 4 children are required to take part in the Year 4 Multiplications Check in June. This is statutory test laid out by the DfE.

Spellings will be checked on Monday and new spellings will be set on Wednesday.



There will be homework tasks set online on Seesaw on Friday and this will be linked to the work we are doing in class. This should be completed by the following Friday.

Please let me know if you need a copy of your child's seesaw code.

This term the children will have one P.E. lessons per week. We will be having Aspire for P.E. on Tuesdays, Friday mornings with taught by me. As per the guidance, children should be arriving at school on Tuesdays and Fridays already changed in suitable sports kit.

We will have Forest school in two groups on a Thursday afternoon. Group 1 in the first half term followed by group 2 in the second half term. Your child will need to bring their forest school kit with them to school and wear their uniform.

I am really happy for you to talk to me if you have any concerns or queries. If you do not come up to the playground and would like to speak to me please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Griffiths.

Year 4 Teacher