



ROBSACK WOOD
PRIMARY
ACADEMY



Year 4 Newsletter

Term 2

Amazing Amazon

DATES

04.11.19 INSET day
(academy closed to pupils)
05.11.19 First day of Term 2
12.11.19 Orca Whale Talk
02.12.19 Big Sing at The White Rock
26.11.19 TAG Rugby Competition
16.12.19 Christmas Enterprise Event
18.12.19 Celebration Afternoon 2:30pm
19.12.19 KS2 Christmas Singing (main playground)
20.12.19 Christmas Jumper Day
20.12.19 Christmas Dinner
20.12.19 Last day of Term 2
06.01.20 First day of Term 3



ENGLISH

The pupils will explore 'The Great Kapok Tree.' and will be immersed in the text through various activities such as book talk, research and writing tasks. They will also hold discussions about sustainability and the responsibility for conserving natural resources. Next they will explore 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne, taking part in a range of activities such as drama, art and poetry to develop an understanding of the text.

Our Destination Reader challenges will be based on The Great Kapok Tree as well as other unseen texts. We will continue to teach the key reading skills such as summarising, questioning, evaluating, clarifying and inferring. We are grateful for the support which parents and carers provide at home. Reading daily (with or without an adult) really supports pupils' reading progress. Your child can record this in the Home Reading Journal.

This term's handwriting focus will be on joining ascenders (b,d,k,l) and descenders (f,g,i,p and y) as well correct placement of each letter on the line.

MATHS

This term we will begin with a focus on perimeter and measurement of length, looking at rectilinear shapes, perimeter on a grid and perimeter of rectilinear shapes.

We will follow this with multiplication and division, finding factors of whole numbers. We will use a range of different strategies in relation to multiplication and division facts and pupils will continue to develop their problem solving skills using the language of reasoning. Times tables focus this term will be 8 and 9 whilst revising times tables previously learnt last term.

Speedy Maths will revisit and consolidate last terms learning focussing heavily on rounding to 10, 100 and 1000



LEARNING JOURNEY FOCUS

This term's Amazing Amazon Learning Journey takes pupils across the globe to South America, where they will be exploring the 'Amazing Amazon'. This learning journey focuses heavily on geography and links strongly with our science learning this term. The pupils will be learning about a range of topical issues such as deforestation and the importance of the rainforest to the world's eco-system. Through these topics pupils will learn how to debate and discuss their viewpoints. There will also be the opportunity for them to create their own mini eco-systems in a bottle where they will be able to watch their own 'rainforest' grow and transform! They will also have the opportunity to implement their creative skills in a range of artistic activities, including printing and marbling. We will also access the woodland area in order to explore and compare local habitats to those around the world. In science the pupils will be learning about living things and their habitats. They will explore this through the Amazon learning journey topic as well as exploring a range of other habitats from around the world. They will also learn how scientists classify different species, and what groups they are classified into. Throughout the term, they will develop their knowledge of the relevant scientific language, and begin to read, use and create their own diagrams.

In music pupils will be asked to create a rainforest soundscape using body percussion following on in subsequent weeks to create their own percussion instruments.

REMINDERS

PE will be taught on Friday mornings to both classes. Pupils will need a PE kit in the academy which should consist of green shorts, a white plain t-shirt (or one with the logo) with trainers or plimsolls. Please ensure that everything is named.

During the winter months, Year 4 will complete some PE sessions outside, as well as some sessions in the school hall. Therefore the pupils also have the option to wear tracksuit bottoms if they prefer, during colder weather. If you wish your child to wear tracksuit bottoms when PE is outside, please ensure that they also have shorts in school for indoor PE.

RE

In RE this term the pupils will be learning about the Annunciation, empathising with Mary and learning about the significance to Christians of the Nativity Story.

PSHEE / COMPUTING

Pupils will learn about growing and changing with a focus on understanding a range of emotions and learning how to express them. They will also learn about how to keep themselves safe both in the wider world and online, looking at social media, online gaming and managing digital footprints. Pupils will also learn about the risks of negative pressure and how to manage and resist it.

HIGHLIGHT

Last Term Year 4 had a fabulous Roman Day experience! They had a range of Roman activities to take part in.

