



Updates and reminders

Welcome Back: Miss Aherne and Miss Cunningham hope that you have had an enjoyable week off and are excited and ready to start the new term. There are lots of exciting events going on throughout the term and we look forward to the children taking part and seeing parents at community events, such as the Christmas Enterprise Fair and the KS2 Carol concert. Please feel free to come and ask any questions that you may have regarding term two, at the end of the school day.

PE Kits: PE will be taught on Thursday afternoon to both classes. Pupils will need a PE kit in school 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 autumn 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 during colder weather. If you wish for your child to wear tracksuit bottoms when PE is outside, please ensure that they also have shorts in school for indoor PE. This term children will be taking part in Gymnastics as the main PE focus.

Swimming Kits: Swimming will continue from Wednesday 1st November. Pupils will need a swimming kit which should consist of either a swimming costume (no two pieces) or swimming shorts, **and a swimming hat**. Goggles are optional.

Dates for the Diary

Swimming continues	Weds 1st Nov
Last swimming session	Weds 13th Dec
Christmas Academy Enterprise Fair 3.00pm	Mon 18th Dec
Christmas Dinner	Weds 20th Dec
Christmas Jumper Day	Weds 20th Dec
KS2 Carol Concert 2.30pm	Weds 20th Dec
Last day of Term	Weds 20th Dec

Learning Journey

Maths

This term will begin with a focus on multiplication and finding factors of whole numbers. We will continue to look at multiplication and move on to division using a range of different methods in order to solve calculations. Children will also continue to develop their problem solving skills. At the end of the term the children will be learning to find the area of a range of 2D shapes.

English

The children will start this term by exploring the text 'The Vanishing Rainforest'. They will take part in a range of activities such as drama, art and poetry to develop an understanding of the rainforest. They will then begin to explore non-chronological reports based

on animals in the rainforest, they will learn the text and create their own. The final unit will be based on the story 'The Great Kapok Tree' and the children will be immersed into the text through various activities using Talk for Writing.

Learning Journey

This term's learning journey takes children 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. Children 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 children will learn how

to debate and discuss their viewpoints. There will also be the opportunity for children to create their own mini eco-systems in a bottle where they will get to watch their own rainforest grow and transform! They will also have the opportunity implement their creative skills in a range of artistic activities, including creating their own printing tiles using different methods, to create rainforest scenes. We will also access the Forest school in order to explore and compare local habitats to those around the world.

Science

This term the children will be learning about living things and their habitats. Children will explore this through the Amazon learning journey topic as well as exploring a range of other habitats from around the world.

Learning Journey continued

PSHE

This term in PSHE the pupils will be exploring what makes a good friend. There will be many opportunities for the children to share their thoughts and feelings and explore this concept in a range of creative ways.

Home Learning

On the first Monday of each term the pupils will receive a grid which consists of a range of home Learning activities they can engage in which are linked to the Learning Journey

topic. Each task has a point score and the children are required to complete as many activities as possible to reach 10 points, of course they are able to complete more tasks if they wish to do so! The home learning is then due back on the final Monday of each term.

Spellings

The children will receive a list of spellings to learn over the term. It is expected that children will learn these over the term using the fun activities provided on the

sheet. This will be supported in class through taught sessions. Children will be tested at the end of each term on a selection of the spellings.

Reading

Please can children read at home daily and where possible, this should be recorded in their purple reading journals. We will continue to reward children for their effort and enthusiasm towards reading in class; reading at home will help to support us with this.