



## Year 4 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Hopefully everyone has had a happy and relaxing break over Easter. We are now a week into summer term and this year seems to be flying by!

A main focus for our work this term is all about the rainforests where we will be trying to answer the following question: *Should we be doing something about the destruction of the rainforests?* We will be practising a range of problem solving, communication and creativity skills in Geography, Art and ICT.

Our visit to Twycross Zoo will give us a great start to this topic, where children will take part in a rainforest workshop and have the chance to tour the zoo and identify some of the animals that live in the rainforests. Please remember that all children will need a packed lunch, drink and a backpack to carry it in on this day.

As part of our work in Science we will be finding out about electricity. In RE, the children will be learning more about religious symbols.

As usual, support at home is very important and can really help your child make good progress. Please ensure your child is continuing to read at home and that at least some of their reading is with an adult so that they can discuss vocabulary and the content of their books. It would be really beneficial to do a bit of times table work so that your child becomes confident at knowing their multiplication facts (and corresponding division facts) up to  $12 \times 12$ . Also, as part of our work in maths, we will be continuing to practise telling the time using an analogue clock and converting to 24 hour time, so any further practise at home would be really beneficial.

Literacy homework and spellings will continue be given out on a Tuesday and Maths on a Friday.

This half term, the children will take part in tennis lessons with a trained coach on Mondays as part of our P.E lessons. Please ensure your child has their P.E kit in school throughout the week and that this includes a pair of outdoor pumps or trainers. On P.E days, it is important that girls have a hair band in school so that their hair can be tied back, and that if they are wearing tights they have socks in their P.E bag.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Miss Parker



## Useful vocabulary for this term:

### Topic:

Deforestation

Extinction

Indigenous

Tribe

Habitat

Species

Preservation

Conservation

### Science:

Circuit

Component

Cell

Wire

Bulb

Switch

Buzzer

Conductor

Insulator