









Knowleswood
Primary School

Welcome to Year 4

Dear Parent/Carer

We are so impressed with how your children have settled into Year 4. This newsletter includes an overview of the learning we will be engaged in this term, some key things to remember and some ideas for fun things to do at home to support our learning in school.

Year 4 Staff

Mr Zaman Pine Class Teacher		Miss Mullins Hazel Class Teacher	
Mrs Mole		Mrs Cleary	
		Mrs Johnson	
		Mr Shazad	

Things to remember

Monday – PE – no bracelets, necklaces, rings or Fitbits.

Thursday – Library

Friday – PE - no bracelets, necklaces, rings or Fitbits.

Please make sure to bring your reading books back into school each day, as we will be reading with the children daily.

Homework tasks and fun activities

People of the Rainforest - Find out about a tribe who live in the Rainforest. - Where do they live? - Do they have houses? - What do they eat? - How do they get their food? - What do they wear? - What language do they speak? - Do children attend school?

Find out about products which come from the Rainforest. - Identify what they are used for and who uses them. - Which of these products do you use in your home? - How far have these products had to travel for you to use them? Present your findings on a fact sheet.

An area of rainforest the size of a football field is being destroyed each second. Create a poster or a leaflet to persuade people to help protect the Rainforest. Think about: - Why are they cutting down the rainforests? - Who is doing this? What can we do to help?

You can also find activities on the Year 4 homework grid.



Learning in School		
English	Fiction – Stories which raise issues/dilemmas Non-fiction – Persuasive Texts Text: Charlotte’s Web by E.B.White	Fiction – Stories from other cultures Non-fiction – Information Texts Text: Grandpa Chatterji by Jamila Gavin
Maths	Number - Place Value Number – Addition and Subtraction	Measuring – Length and Perimeter Number – Multiplication and Division
Science	Living Things – using a classification key to group living things and learn about their different habitats and characteristics.	States of Matter – Identifying and conducting experiments connected to Solids, liquids and gases.
PSHE	Me and My Relationships – managing friendships and the value of team work.	Valuing Differences – tolerance and respect for others, showing an understanding that it is ok to be different.
Art	Power Prints Looking at various methods of printing and using textures to create art.	
Music	Sounds Musical Focus: Exploring sounds Subject Link: Science	Ancient Worlds Music Focus: Structure Subject link: History
Geography	The Rainforest Key Question – Why are Rainforests important to us? Looking at where rainforests are found and who lives in them as well as why they are under threat and what we can do about this. Finally, we will compare the rainforest to our local woodland.	
History	How have children’s lives changed? Making observations and deductions from sources to suggest how children’s lives have changed. We will identify the kinds of jobs Tudor and Victorian children had, making observations and inferences about them as well as how Lord Shaftesbury changed the lives of children. Finally, we will look at past diseases and how they affected children.	
DT	Sculpture and 3D We will create a sculpture to express themselves in a literal or symbolic way. Suggest ways to represent memories through imagery, shapes and colours. Draw a composition of shapes developed from initial ideas to form a plan for a sculpture.	
French	Parts of the Body	Verbs and Adjectives
Computing	I Program Unit 1 & 2 Design and develop computer programs, including 3D animation	I Data Unit 1 & 2 Data representation.
PE	Badminton Hockey	Golf Dance
RE	Buddha’s Teaching Key Question – ‘Is it possible for everyone to be happy?’	Christmas Key question - ‘What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?’

Key Dates	
Monday 4th September - Teacher Training Day Tuesday 5th September - School opens Thursday 19th October - Parent Showcase Friday 20th October - School closes for Half Term	Monday 30th October - Teacher Training Day Tuesday 31st October - School opens Friday 15th December - School closes for Half Term