



Year 4 Topic Letter - Autumn 1 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been really pleased with how fabulously the children have started – they have certainly shown great enthusiasm and are beginning to settle well into the new routines of Year 4.

We shall be covering the following areas this half-term in our topic. In the past, many parents have requested links to the topic where they can support their child in the learning going on in school. These are purely optional.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional suggestions for home-learning
English	<p>Spelling: Suffixes beginning with vowel letter (double consonant), suffixes beginning with vowel letter (single consonant) and prefixes sub-, inter- and super-.</p> <p>Grammar: Parts of a sentence- nouns, pronouns, determiners, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, singular and plural possession, prepositions and Standard English Rhetorical questions and other 'devices' to help persuade.</p> <p>Writing: Information texts, poetry, persuasive writing and letters based on the rainforest theme.</p> <p>Reading: the children will bring home reading records with their colour 'banded' books in due course.</p> <p>Handwriting: Introduction to presentation skills. Joined-up handwriting for all is our aim.</p>	<p>When you are reading with your child at home, please make sure they are pausing when there is punctuation and that you draw their attention towards it.</p> <p>It would also be useful if you were able to help your child with the presentation of their homework and make sure they are using a sharp pencil or a black handwriting pen. Encourage your child to write the date and a title for each piece of work and to underline these.</p>
Maths	<p>Place Value: thousands and beyond as well as negative numbers, rounding to the nearest ten, hundred and thousand.</p> <p>Column addition and subtraction including problem solving</p> <p>Rainforest linked maths</p>	<p>http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/addition-and-subtraction</p>
Science	<p>Living things and their habitats</p>	<p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/plant_animal_habitats/read/1/</p>
ICT	<p>Navigating Teams including assignments</p> <p>Cyberbullying</p> <p>Branching databases</p>	
Geography	<p>Rainforests & Brazil</p>	<p>This is an excellent website giving information about the rainforest for children: https://kids.mongabay.com/elementary/</p>
RE	<p>Judaism – How special is the relationship Jews have with God?</p>	
PE	<p>Netball and Hockey</p>	

D&T/ Art	Jungle art in the style of Henri Rousseau Making smoothies	
PSHE	Rules & routines Wellbeing & zones of regulation- This is a whole school approach to enable children to regulate their emotions and be ready for learning.	Utilise the strategies (the 'toolkit') learnt at school in our Zones of Regulation lessons at home when appropriate. Keep a personal diary
Music	Rainforest songs and Rainforest composition.	
Mandarin	Tones and Pinyin (Chinese Phonetic) Asking age Five organs Chinese Moon Festival	

Please encourage your child to bring in a **named water bottle** every day, to keep them hydrated as they learn.

We look forward to a happy and successful term with the children. Please also feel free to email the class teacher if you have any concerns or questions relating to your child.

Dates for diary

Welsh harp: Monday 18th October & Friday 22nd October

With best wishes

Ms Clarke, Ms Jethwa, Ms Moir, Ms Couldridge, Ms Nicholls & Mr Reynolds
Year 4 Team