

# Year 4

Dear Parents,

We are really excited about the fun term coming up! We are currently planning lots of exciting activities and trips. We are eagerly waiting for our Harry Potter Studio Tour trip and Miss Oldham has already had a sneaky visit.

As always, our door is always open if you have any questions or comments about the children's learning.

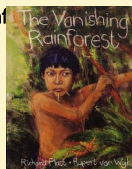
Miss Oldham and Mrs Cornell. :)

## English:

This term we will be reading *The Vanishing Rainforest*

Children will learn to:

- Write a debate
- Continue to develop grammar skills.
- Write a letter of persuasion
- Write a discussion text.



Why is the Brazilian rainforest vanishing so fast? And why is it essential not only to the people and animals within it, but to the whole world? This story, seen through the eyes of a child called Remaema, describes how the Yanomami tribe are battling against potential developers. Can a solution be found that will protect the forest and allow the tribe to continue living as they always have done, while benefiting from limited development? Richard Platt's dramatic approach and Rupert van Wyk's masterly illustrations, accompanied by an information spread, offer an exciting perspective on a controversial and topical subject.

Children will continue to read weekly as part of our reciprocal reading sessions. It would be great if you could ask your child what they have been learning about in reciprocal reading and their English lessons to reinforce the learning that takes place.

**Remember to read at least 3 times a week and to fill in your Reading Journal! These will be checked every Wednesday.**

**Also, practise your spellings every day so that you become a super speller! Don't forget to bring your spelling book on a Friday.**

## Mathematics

This term pupils will be focusing on:

1	Decimals, percentages and their equivalence to fractions (DPE); Measurement (MEA); Statistics (STA); Problem solving, reasoning and algebra (PRA)
2	Number and place value (NPV); Written addition and subtraction (WAS); Mental addition and subtraction (MAS)
3	Mental multiplication and division (MMD); Written multiplication and division (WMD); Problem solving, reasoning and algebra (PRA)
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**Remember to practise your times tables daily!**

## Personal, Health, Social and Community Education (P.H.S.C.E.)

During this half term, we will be talking with the children about healthy and positive relationships within our families and friendship groups.

## P.E.

This half term pupils will be developing their skills in the areas of:

- Hockey

They will benefit from PE sessions with our specialist PE teacher — Mrs Aston

## Science:

This term we are looking at Sound. We will learn about the following areas:

- **How sound is created**
- **Vibrations**
- **Pitch and Volume**

The children will develop the scientific enquiry skills through practical sessions.

## Enterprise Week:

Towards the end of the term we will be making a product that we can sell at the Christmas fair. It will involve a process of designing, making and evaluating.

## RE

Through RE sessions, we will be looking at what it means to be a Muslim and how is Christmas celebrated around the world. We will look at the following questions:

- What is Islam?
- How do Muslims' demonstrate their faith?

We believe that it is important for children to be able to consider the viewpoints of others and respect their similar and differing views. We will lead some discussion and written based activities in the classroom.

## Music

In our music lessons, we will be carrying on with the djembe drumming sessions focussing on rhythm, tone and pitch. On Tuesday 18th December at 2:30pm, there will be a performance to showcase what we have been doing. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible.

## Important Dates:

- Tuesday 27th November - Harry Potter World Trip
- Friday 14th December—Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 18th December—Djembe Drumming Performance
- Friday 21st December—Last day of term.