



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 1

Why should we care about the rainforest?

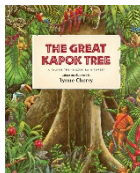
During this half term, Year 4 will be exploring the geographical features and the plant and animal life of the world's tropical rainforests. Through this topic, we aim to address some key issues that these ecosystems are facing, including deforestation and discuss ways in which we may be able to support their conservation. To conclude this topic, the children will present what they have found out about the Amazonian Rainforest using IT skills to explain how small actions can make a big difference.



English

This half-term, we will use the fictional story of 'The Great Kapok Tree' which explores issues that rainforests are facing.

We will focus on poetry writing, developing skills such as similes, metaphors and personification. For the second part of the half term, we will write non-chronological reports linking to the layers of the rainforest.



Reading

Please continue to listen to your children read every night at home. We recognise that at times that this is not an easy task, but thank you for your commitment to this.

The children will have daily guided reading sessions as well as individual readers with the class teacher or support.

All children will also continue to have access to the 'Bug Club' online library. Please encourage your child to access this fantastic resource at home if you are able to do so.

Maths

In Singapore Maths, the children will be focusing on counting in multiples of 10s, 25s, 100s and 1000s. They will also use their understanding of numbers to write these numbers in words.

Following this, the children will move on to addition and subtraction within 10,000, where they will be using different strategies, including renaming.

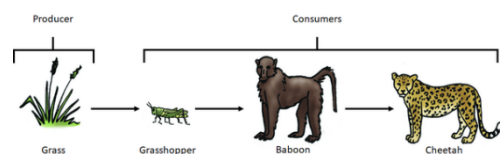
All children have access to Times Table Rock Stars online. Please encourage your child to access this at home as it will help with their multiplication skills.



Science

In science, Year 4 will be exploring the local area, exploring the animal habitats within it and investigating eco-systems that sustain animal and plant life.

Through this, the children will be developing their observational skills, as we classify the animals, plants and wildlife in our local area.



P.E.

For children in 4C PE will be on a **Monday morning** and 4W's will be a **Thursday Morning**.

Please ensure that your child is in their PE kit on those days.

Our PE kit is black or navy tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt and black pumps or trainers.