



# St Mark's CE Primary School

*'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'*

## Year 4 Newsletter

### Autumn 1

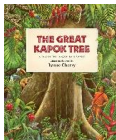
#### The UK: Who Are We?

During this half term, Year 4 will be exploring the geographical features of the UK. Through this topic, we aim to explore different areas of the UK and develop a deeper understanding of their local area as well as other areas within the United Kingdom.

#### 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 non-chronological reports, developing skills such as sub-ordinating conjunctions, co-ordinating conjunctions and apostrophes. For the second part of the half term, we will focus on poetry and develop skills such as similes, personification and metaphors.



#### Reading

Please continue to listen to your children read at least 4 times per week. We recognise at times that this is not an easy task, but we thank you for your commitment to this.

All children that read 5 times a week are put into our weekly raffle to win a brand-new book.

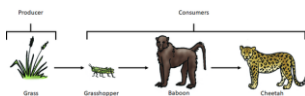
The children will have daily guided reading sessions as well as individual readers with the class teacher or support staff.



#### Science

In science, Year 4 will be exploring which living things thrive in our local area and how we can group them.

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



#### Maths

In Maths, the children will be focusing on the place value of numbers and counting in multiples of 10s, 25s, 100s and 1000s.

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.

#### P.E.

For children in **4O** and **4W** PE will be on **Tuesday** and **Thursday afternoons**.

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

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