



# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

## Year 4 Newsletter Autumn 1

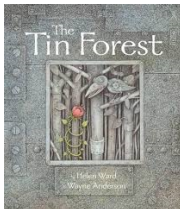
### "Why should we care about the rainforest?"

During this half term, Year 4 will be exploring the geographical features and 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. These will include deforestation and we will discuss ways in which we may be able to support rainforest conservation. To conclude this topic the children will present what they have found out about the Amazonian Rainforest and how we can best look after rainforests and local wildlife in our area by using IT skills and video to explain how small actions can make a big difference.

### Literacy

This half-term, we will use the fictional story of the 'The Tin Forest' as we explore the emotions of the main character to help build a character description as well as looking at the setting of the story.

We will be developing our sentences using noun phrases (*a phrase that shows how a character feels or looks like, or it could describe what a setting is like using adjectives*) as an introduction to narrative writing.



### Reading

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

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

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

### 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.



### Maths

In Year 4, your children will continue with Singapore Maths, which is the Maths programme used from Reception to Year 6.

For this term, the children will be focusing on counting in multiples of 10s, 25s, 100s and 1000s. They will also use their knowledge 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.

### P.E.

4B's P.E. will be on a Friday afternoon and 4W's P.E. will be on a Thursday morning.

Please ensure that your child comes in to school wearing their P.E. kit on their P.E. day.

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