



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 1

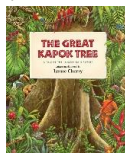
Why should we care about the rainforest?

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.

English

This half-term, we will use the fictional story of 'The 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 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.



Maths

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

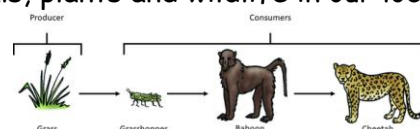
Following this, the children will move on to addition and subtraction within 10,000, where they will be using different strategies, including renaming.

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.

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** and **4W** PE will be on a **Monday morning**.

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 black pumps or trainers.