



## **Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer 2**

### **Maths**

This half term, we shall be focusing on a few different topics. In our unit on Time, we are learning to tell the time to the nearest minute and turn analogue time into digital time, using 12 and 24 hour clocks. In our unit on Money, we are going to be ordering and estimating using money and solving real-life problems involving our four calculations. In our Statistics unit, we are learning about line graphs and how to read them. In our Geometry unit, we are learning about identifying and comparing angles, properties of quadrilateral shapes, lines of symmetry and drawing/moving a shape on a grid.

### **English**

During this term, we will be looking at the story called “The Vanishing Rainforest”. We shall be comparing the story to other stories from other cultures and use our knowledge from this to write a persuasive letter. We will also be writing an explanation text about how chocolate is made!

### **Science**

In Science, we will be focusing on the topic of Habitats. We shall be grouping living things in different ways, according to their characteristics. We will use classification keys to help with this and we will show our understanding using food chains and food webs.

**Art / DT**

For our DT unit, we are going to making a slingshot car, using lollipop sticks, glue and elastic bands to show how stored energy can make something move.

**Geography**

In this unit, our focus is on the Amazon rainforest. We shall focus on South America and Brazil and pick out some main geographical features. We shall also look at why the Amazon rainforest is so important to our World.

**PE**

In PE we will be concentrating on Cricket and Athletics, in preparation for sports day. Our PE days this term will be Monday and Thursday.

**PHSE**

We shall be focusing on “What impact does change have on people and how can I deal with it?” We will look at different types of change in our life and how that affects our feelings and the feelings of others.

**RE**

This unit’s big question is: “What happens when we die?” We shall look at what different religions and cultures believe and the different ceremonies that come with this.

**Music**

Using our brass band lessons to help embed our understanding, we shall we looking at musical notations and learning different notes. We shall also be learning about musical vocabulary to help us describe what is happening during a piece of music.

**Computing**

Our focus for this half term will be on “What is a computer made of?”. We shall we look at different components of a computer, what they are used for and what jobs they are useful for.

### **Important Information**

- A reminder that children should come to school in the correct PE kit on PE days. This is navy or black joggers, leggings or shorts, a white t-shirt and navy or black jumper. These items should not have big slogans on. Children's jewellery should be removed for safety reasons and appropriate sports trainers should be worn (not platform).
- Our P.E. days are Monday and Friday
- It is important that your child reads at least 3 times a week and their reading log is signed and brought to school.
- Homework is given every Friday; children should complete this and give it in by the following Thursday.