



# Class 4 Newsletter – Spring Term 2026

## Welcome back!

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and managed to make memories as a family. Thank you for all the kind words, gifts and cards that we received at the end of last term; they were really appreciated and meant a lot to us. I have been so impressed with the progress the children have already made and I am positive this will continue into the spring term. We have some fantastic activities and projects planned this term, that I am sure the children are going to love!

This is a brief summary of what we will be covering this term:

<b>Main Focus for Project i.e. subject &amp; programme of study:</b>	'Explore': Geography – South America and Rainforests
<b>Enquiry Question:</b>	Who decides what we pay for food, and how does that affect the food we waste?
<b>Concepts:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Responsibility</li> <li>- Fairness</li> <li>- Stewardship</li> <li>- Community</li> </ul>
<b>Connections i.e. links to other subjects:</b>	<p>English – We will be reading 'The Explorer'. This book is set in the Amazon Rainforest.</p> <p>Links to Sustainable Development Goal 2, Zero hunger.</p> <p>Religious Education: Looking after God's creation and stewardship.</p>

### Geography.

This term is our 'Explore' term and we will be focusing on Geography. Our topic this year is looking at climate zones, with a specific interest in South America. Children will be able to use maps and atlases to locate different countries within South America and make comparisons between their lives and the lives of people who live in these countries. We will also be looking at Fair Trade and world trade, giving the children a voice to discuss whether they think things should be sold cheaply or expensive. The children will have an insight of all the jobs that are needed to sell a single item of food. From the ground to the shelves, the children will become aware of every step and seeing how much is actually costs to make. The plan at the end of the topic is for the children to lead an Amazon awareness day across the whole school. Children will decide a topic each class will focus on and then lead an assembly about the Amazon and Fairtrade.

### English:

Our novel this term is called 'The Explorer'. This is a lovely book about children who find themselves stranded in the Amazon rainforest following a plane crash. This story is all about loving the great outdoors and seizing opportunities, turning negative situations into magical moments. We will also be looking at non-fiction texts, and writing our own persuasive speeches. The children are very passionate and I am sure will enjoy persuading people to make a change!

### Maths:

We start our sessions with either TimesTable Rockstars or a 'Kickstart'. These are used as a mental maths task that keeps the children thinking and using different mathematical vocabulary. It also allows them to

work answers out and try and find the most efficient way to solve a problem. This term we will be focusing on.

- Perimeter and area.
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions.

### **Religious Education: Galilee to Jerusalem.**

This term we will be looking at the New Testament and understanding how special and compassionate Jesus was. The children will take part in many immersive lessons to help them fully understand the meaning of the scripture. They will hear the stories within the Bible, understand them, celebrate and go forth spreading God's love where ever they go.

### **PSHE:**

We will be covering many different topics over the course of the year. Some of the topics may require a sensitive approach. Please be aware that we will ensure that the children are comfortable, and they understand they can discuss as much or as little as they like. During these lessons we talk to the children about respecting each other and how we may have difference in opinions.

We will be looking at

- Feelings and emotions
- Being Responsible

### **Science:**

This term we are looking at materials and their properties. We will be looking at reversible and irreversible changes and how to conduct our own fair tests. The children will be taking part in lots of fun practical experiments, and then explaining what they have learnt by making their very own science show! They will use an app called 'Clips' to record and create these videos.

### **PE:**

This term our PE will be focused on netball, gymnastics, and then, as the weather improves, we will be heading outside to do rounders and athletics on the school grounds. The children will also be focusing on movement such as, running, throwing, dodging, and balancing. There are also lots of extra-curricular activities the children can take part in, including lots of competitions and sporting festivals.

### **Forest school**

The Year 4's will be taking part in forest school after half term. They will learn to be resilient, how to make items from natural objects and most importantly have fun exploring our beautiful school grounds. These sessions will run from the 25<sup>th</sup> February until the 29<sup>th</sup> of April. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for these sessions. More details will be sent out soon.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you need to discuss anything.

Best wishes,

Miss Gillibrand and Mrs Murphy