

## Year 4 – Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn 2

### Why is the rainforest important to me?



This term we are learning about the Rainforest. We will use map skills to locate Rainforests in the world, particularly those in South America. Pupils will learn about the benefits of the Rainforest and how the Rainforest is essential to the Earth's climate. We will learn about the impact of deforestation and how animals are becoming extinct after losing their habitats. In Science, we will learn that living things all need energy to stay alive.

**Please look at the school website for our Knowledge Organisers for this term.**

#### **English:**

In English, we will be studying the key texts of 'The Rainforest Grew All Around', 'The Vanishing Rainforest' and 'The Great Kapok Tree'. We will be writing poetry, holding a debate, writing a non-chronological report and a persuasive letter. The children will also be using their inference skills and prediction skills, exploring author choice and have a heavy focus on new and extended vocabulary.

#### **Maths:**

This term, we will be moving onto multiplication, so please keep practising those times tables and number bonds! Every child has a Mangahigh login; their passwords are in their reading record. Mangahigh is a great website for improving and practising maths concepts in a fun way. Children need to know all their times tables up to 12s, mentally.

#### **Ways to help at home:**

- Listen to your child read each day. Every child takes home a reading book.
- Test your child on their times tables up to their 12s. If they know them, start looking at division too.
- Encourage them to complete their homework.
- Discuss with your children the facts they have learnt during their Science and Geography lessons.

#### **Other information:**

- PE will continue every Wednesday morning.
- Homework will be set every Thursday and due to be completed by the following Wednesday.