

Year 4 Newsletter

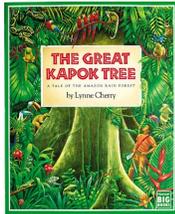
Summer 1



April 2022

Welcome back!
We hope you enjoyed your Easter break. We are excited to start another term packed full of exciting learning! Please be aware our PE day remains Thursday. Finally, a reminder that the school doors open at 8:35am, with the doors closing at 8.45am. We finish at 3.05pm.

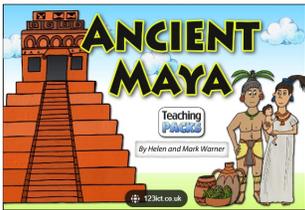
In English, year 4 will be kicking the term off with some spring poetry, based on classic authors such as Wordsworth. They will then be writing their very own rainforest narratives, based on the book *The Great Kapok Tree*.



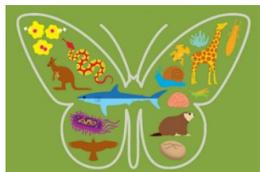
In maths, we will be continuing work on fractions, moving onto working with tenths and decimals.

In spelling, we are working on alternative spellings for sounds, such as "gue" making the /g/ sound and "sc" making /s/.

This half term we will be starting our new history topic, Ancient Maya! The children will learn all about who the Ancient Maya were, what their way of life was like and about their beliefs.



Our science topic this term is living things, so children will be learning about how to sort and classify plants and animals. In DT, year 4 will be designing, making and presenting their own cereal bars! In geography, we are learning about North America, and in particular, Mexico. This will involve map work and using com-



pass points. We are going to be learning all about using spreadsheets in computing, using the Purple Mash learning platform. 4HC's PSHE work on will focus on how drugs and tobacco can negatively impact our health.



In RE, the children will be learning about choices in the context of Buddhism. In music, they will be singing a new Ancient Maya style song and performing simple parts rhythmically.



Children will be developing their Spanish skills in MfL to write simple sentences about familiar topics. In art, we will be creating Ancient Maya masks, focussing on facial expressions. Finally, in P.E children will be doing cricket, perfecting their throwing skills.



Things to remember:

Homework:

Given out - **Monday**

Due in - **Friday**

Homework will consist of reading, spellings and times tables.

Class Novel:

4HC will be reading *My Brother is a Superhero* by David Solomons

Spelling Test - **Monday**

Timetables Test - **Friday**

Reading books :

Children are able to change their reading book each day when they arrive.

Reading is expected at least **3 times a week** and the diary must be signed for Friday. **Diaries need to be in school daily.**

Accelerate Reading log ins have been sent home and quizzes can be taken at home as well as in school.

P.E DAY - Thursday

Children must come to school in their uniform and **should bring their PE kits** to change into.

Important information:

Most weeks, homework will consist of:

1. Reading book—minimum of 3 times a week
2. Spellings
3. Times Tables