



Year 4 Spring Term

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a lovely break. As the children move into another term, we have lots to look forward to.

Curriculum

Our topics this Autumn are the rainforest in Geography, closely followed by the Tudors in History. We are going to be learning about geographical location of rainforests in the world, how they are being affected by humans and their importance to the planet. We will then be travelling back to 1485 to discover all about one of the most interesting periods of history – The Terrible Tudors! We will be working to include our topic knowledge in writing styles such as information texts, balanced arguments and historical narratives.

In science, we will be learning about the production of electricity which will support us in making torches in DT. We will be learning in depth how electricity impacts our everyday lives and how it is used within the world. Textiles will also be explored in DT as the children make book sleeves using different fastenings.

Our recorder lessons with Berkshire Maestros will continue in the summer term, however the children will have chance to practice during music lessons across the spring term as well as exploring a variety of percussion instruments to create their own compositions.

Full curriculum overviews can be found on our school website.

Reading

Thank you for the large increase in reading at the end of the Autumn term! Your child will continue to choose a book from the colour that they have been allocated and that book needs to go home each day and be in school each day. Please continue to sign their reading record to show you have heard your child read or discussed the book with them.

PE

We continue to have two PE lessons a week timetabled for Monday (class teacher) and Thursday (EPC). Children are to come in wearing their school PE kit and suitable trainers on those days. Earrings must be removed for PE. The children will be participating in a range of sports this term including: Yoga, Netball, Hockey and Dance.

Home learning

For all year groups, homework will now be set on TEAMS from **week beginning 15th January** and more information on this will follow via Parentmail. Please can all homework folders from the Autumn term be returned to school prior to this date with all completed homework.

Library

Our Library slot remains on Tuesdays, please ensure children have their library books in school on that day and return any books that are outstanding.

Trips

We are looking forward to our residential trip in March to Ufton Court. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to explore their learning in a fascinating environment and to enjoy spending time together as a class team. Further information will be coming soon.

As the weather continues to get gradually colder, please ensure children are equipped with appropriately clothing to help keep them warm.

I'm looking forward to another excellent term and can't wait to get started.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Costello