



# Year 4 Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2

Welcome to the second newsletter of the school year. I hope your child has settled in and is enjoying life in Year 4! This half term will be busy, enjoyable and enriching with lots of learning opportunities and Christmas festivities. Regarding parents evening, it was lovely to meet so many of you. If you were unable to attend, please either call the school office or speak to Miss Hosker before or after school to discuss your child. If you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Hosker or Mrs Lynch.

Thankyou for your continued support.

*Miss Hosker and Mrs Lynch*

### English

This half term our focus will be on forests. We will be looking specifically at *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward which links suitably with our geography topic. We will be reading this story, identifying key features of an adventure story and writing our own adventure story. We will also be writing a persuasive piece of non-fiction writing on saving the rainforest. Any extra research the children can do from home would be fantastic for their understanding.

### Maths

Our focus will be measuring area. The children will be learning what area means, finding areas of shapes by counting squares, drawing shapes with different areas and comparing the areas of different shapes.

We will also be placing much of our focus on Times Tables. It is extremely important that your child practices their times tables in preparation for the Government's Multiplication Tables Check later in the year. Please ensure they practice.

### RE

We will be looking at the symbolism of light and discussing the light and dark, how Jesus brings light and why light is such a powerful symbol.

### Science

Our focus will be the human digestive system. We will be identifying the parts of the human digestive system, explaining the functions of them and using scientific enquiry as part of an investigation.

### Homework

Online learning tasks will be set weekly (every Friday) via Purple Mash and TT Rockstars. Please ensure your child completes these tasks set as it will support them in their learning and build their confidence. These sites offer a variety of fun games for your children to explore.

A comprehension activity will also be handed out every Friday to improve retrieval and inference skills.

### Reading Books

Reading books will be sent home daily. Please record when your child reads in their reading record and return to school each day.

### Geography

Our focus this half term is Life in the Rainforest. We will be learning about the layers of the Rainforest and the differences between them. Additionally, we will be discussing deforestation and creating a fact file on the Rainforest.

### Core Christian Value



Love



- 10<sup>th</sup> November - Armistice Service
- 13<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying Week
- 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need
- 27<sup>th</sup> November- Safari Phil Visit
- 21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Service at Church; break up





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# Dear Parents/Carers, **WOOHOO... MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!**

## WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

**Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week!** To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, Make a Noise.

## WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



## WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy ☺ Here's what you do:

1. **Make sure your child wears odd socks to school**
2. **Donate £1 to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work**
3. **If you want to, you can share a photo online using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @abaonline and @AndyOddSock on Twitter. Or @antibullyingalliance and @andyandtheoddssocks on Instagram.**

Monday  
**13<sup>TH</sup>**  
November

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the Odd Socks on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November ...

If you have any questions please ask:



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