

# Buxton School



Year 4



## parent Newsletter

Our new topic which is called  
Saving the World—Rainforests



We will covering this topic for the remainder of the year. We will get to explore the Rainforest through lessons in: Art, Geography, History, Science, Philosophy and PSHE.

## Curriculum

Over the next term, we will be studying Rainforests and we will be covering the following:

**Literacy** - Text— *Jemmy Button* By: Jennifer Uman and Valerio Vidali. We will be using this text to write Newspaper reports and also to create our own Tanka poems about wildlife and the Rainforest.

**Numeracy** - Topics this half term will include: Addition and Subtraction, Decimals, Multiplication and Division and Fractions.

**RE**—Sikhism

**Art**—This term we will begin by using different art techniques to create a Rainforest in the classroom. Later on in the term we will be looking at Henri Rousseau and using different materials to create a rainforest classroom.

**PE** - Fielding and Striking skills.

**PSHE and P4C**— This half term we will look at different topics related to: the environment, money, diversity, forming and maintaining healthy friendships

**Computing**— All About Data

**Science**— For Science we will be looking at Plants and Animals. We will look at how plants grow, as well as animals in the rainforest including adaptations and habitats.

## Reading

This half term Miss Douthwaite's and Miss Clarke's Literacy groups are reading **The Butterfly Lion** by **Michael Morpurgo** and Miss Ferguson's and Mr Joubert's groups are reading **The Firework Maker's Daughter** by **Phillip Pullman**.

## Homework

- Literacy and Maths homework is given out on a **Friday**. This is expected to be handed in by the following **Wednesday**. Spellings will also be included in the form of a rule or spelling pattern to be learned and practised.
- Children are expected to be reading daily and recording at least 2 activities in their Reading Journal each week. Reading Journals are also handed in on a **Wednesday**. Please encourage your child to read regularly. Magazines, newspapers, library books and storybooks can be used for their Reading Journal. Each student has been given a Bug Club account which is an excellent way to practise reading and comprehension. Bug Club is monitored and progress and activity will be checked by the teachers.
- **Time Tables Rock Stars**— Year 4 has begun to use an exciting new program called **Time Tables Rock Stars**. This will help the students to learn all of their times tables fluently. Please continue to help your child to learn all times tables and division facts.

## Reminders

### Warmer Weather

Please ensure that jumpers have their names in as the children tend to take them off in the warmer weather. Children should bring in water bottles with their name on if they wish to have a drink during the day. If we experience hot weather the children may also need a hat.

### Swimming

Swimming will continue until the end of the year so please make sure that your child is bringing their labelled swim kit each Tuesday.

## Important Dates For this Term

### Summer term (1st half):

Wednesday 19th April – Friday 26th May 2017

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday (no school)

Wednesday 3rd May – Class photographs

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June : Half Term Break  
(Children return Monday 5th June 2017)