

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

Week beg. 12.6.17: Science Week

Week beg. 19.6.17: Empathy Week

(Children will complete a variety of activities in class).

Thursday 29th June— International Evening for Families

Wednesday 5th July—Friday 7th July— Stubbers Residential

Mon.10th & Tues.11th July - ACE activities.

Wednesday 12th July - Sports Day for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
(details to follow)

Thursday 13th July— Year 4 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 19th July - Break up for summer holidays 12.30 p.m.

Children return Wednesday 6th September 2017.

Buxton School



Year 4



parent Newsletter

Welcome back to the final half term of Year 4!
We are looking forward to an busy and exciting last few weeks.



We are continuing our topic:

Saving the World—Rainforests

We will continue to explore the Rainforest topic through lessons in: Art, Philosophy and PSHE with a focus on Science.

Curriculum

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

Literacy - This half term we will be writing about rainforests in the form of: Non-Chronological Reports, Persuasive Writing and Discussions. We will use **The Lorax**

By **Dr. Seuss** to look at the issue of deforestation and we will use that to write persuasive letters and to inform our discussions.

Numeracy - We will be covering: Division, Statistics and Geometry.

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.

PSHE and P4C— This half term we will look at different topics related to: the environment, money, diversity, forming and maintaining healthy friendships. We will explore many different topics during Empathy Week.

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. We will have a particular focus on growing our own plants and other hands on Science during Science Week.

Reading

This half term in Shared Reading we are all reading **The Railway Children** By: **Edith Nesbit**.

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.