

# Buxton School



Year 4



## parent Newsletter

Our new topic which is called  
Saving the World—Rainforests



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

### Curriculum

Over the next term, we will be studying the topic of 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**— Judaism and 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

We are now teaching Reading with a core book for each Literacy class. Each child will have a copy of this book in reading lessons but we encourage children to have their own copy of the book to read at home.

We will continue reading "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by R. Dahl.

## 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.
- In Numeracy lessons the students have now covered all of the times tables up to  $12 \times 12$ . It is an expectation that by the end of Year 4 all students will be able to recall all of their times tables. Thank you for your support with helping your child at home to learn and practise all of their times tables.

## 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 sessions will continue for a small number of students in the year group.

## Important Dates For this Term

### Summer term (1st half):

Tuesday 17 April - Friday 25th May 2018

23—27 April—Science week

Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday (school closed)

Wednesday 2nd May - Class photographs

Thursday 24th May — Good to be green trip

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June : Half Term Break