



# What's happening in Year 4?

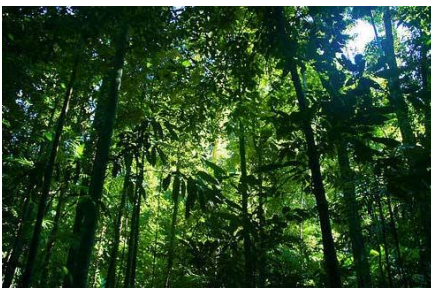
**Welcome back** to school after your summer holiday. We hope that you had a fantastic break, are well rested and are as excited as us about the start of another fantastic year at Harehills Primary School. In our first newsletter of the year, we will be letting you know lots of important information about Year 4. The teachers in Year 4 this year are:

**Elford 1**, Miss Spencer; **Elford 2**, Miss Leckenby and Mrs Sharif;  
**Elford 3**, Miss Methven

## Curriculum

### Rainforests

This half term our theme in Year 4 is all about Rainforests and why they are important. As well as learning about the different layers of the Rainforest, we will also be learning about which different living organisms inhabit this magical and awe inspiring place and what different types of people live there. We will also be examining why they are so important to life on earth and what would happen if they were to disappear.



**If you have a spare 5 minutes, it would be beneficial for;**

- ✓ **Your child to read to you.** Children should be reading up to 4 times a week at home.
- ✓ **Practice their spellings.** Spelling tests will be every week
- ✓ **Encourage your child to keep a diary.** This is a fantastic way for your child to practice writing every day.
- ✓ **Practice times tables.** Children should be able to quick fire their times tables and begin to know some division facts,
- ✓ **Ask your children what they have done today at school.** This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to share their experiences with you as well as practicing their communication skills.

## The school day

School starts at 8:50am and finishes at 3:00pm. Please make sure your child is at school on time to maximize their learning opportunities.

## Swimming

Your child will be taking part in a swimming lesson each week as part of their PE curriculum. During this time, they are learning vital life-saving skills which will keep them protected when they are in or near water. It is important that your child attends each session to ensure they reach their full swimming potential.

Make sure your child is equipped with a swim suit, a towel and a strong bag to carry it in. Swimming days are as follows:

Wednesday - Elford 2  
Thursday - Elford 3  
Friday - Elford 1

## Ukuleles

This year your child will have the opportunity to learn how to play the Ukulele. Each week a specialist music instructor will be coming into class to guide your child in a half hour session which will develop their musical understanding.

## School Visits

Year 4 are planning some exciting trips over the following months. We will be embarking on a trip to the Yorvik Viking Centre in Autumn 2 as well as a trip to the local library. We will let you know dates soon.