



# What's happening in Year 4?

## Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have enjoyed a lovely break and had time to spend with families relaxing and celebrating. We also hope that you had time to relax after such a busy start to the year. It all started back in September, when your child learned about the tropical rainforests. As well as learning the structure of the Rainforest, they also explored what creatures inhabited the different layers before writing a 'Just So' story about one of the Rainforests inhabitants. Then, in Autumn 2, your child delved into the past, learning about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings who invaded and raided the British Isles. They also had the opportunity to visit the Viking Museum in York.

## Theme

This term promises to be full of even more exciting learning opportunities for your child which starts now with our new Theme, Natural Disasters. The children will be learning about the earth's structure, including how tectonic plates move around on the mantle, causing earthquakes. We will also be learning what happens when the molten rock beneath the earth's crust is let loose! In the final weeks of term, the children will be creating their very own volcanoes and watching them erupt!



After the half term break your child will be learning about the Body. We will be exploring how the body works, focusing on the importance of our skeleton. We will also be learning how we move, exploring the way the brain, nerves and muscles all work together to enable us to complete different tasks.

## Swimming

Your child will continue to take part in a swimming lesson each week as part of their PE curriculum. It is important that your child attends each session to ensure they reach their full swimming potential.

Swimming lessons will continue until February half term, after which we will be starting PE lessons in school. Your child will need a PE consisting of:

- A white T-shirt
- Black Leggings/jogging bottoms
- Trainers

## Learning at Home

Learning doesn't stop when the bells ring. There are lots of opportunities for you and your child to continue learning at home. As well as reading home reading books, you could do research about the current theme your child is learning about.

## Times Tables

Importantly, it is also vital that your child practice their times table facts as they will be completing a test at the end of the year. All times table facts up to 12x12 will be tested in this test. Therefore, spending ten minutes a day practicing will help your child improve their recall and speed. Your child has their own login for the Mathletics website which is free to use and which the children really enjoy!

## Proud of Progress

After so much fun learning, it is no wonder that all the children in Year 4 have made good progress throughout the autumn term and we are sure that this will continue as we move through the spring term. As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning, class teachers are happy to answer them.

## Important Dates and Notices

### School closes for the half-term holiday

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

### Back to school

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

### School closes for Easter Holiday

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

### Back to school

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

## School Day

Remember the school day starts at 8:50 each day and finishes at 3:00. Every day provides an exciting learning experience for your child which we don't want them to miss out on.