

Welcome to our class letter for this half term. We are excited to share with you our learning journey.

In English

We are reading *Mama Miti* which will lead to us writing in a variety of styles. In SPAG we are focusing on the use of apostrophes and sentence structure. Our spelling will have a focus on homophones as well as learning about prefixes and suffixes.

SDG 15 Life on Land

We will be learning about and answering the question... Why is biodiversity important?

In Maths

We are learning: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, including problem solving in all areas.

In RE

We are learning about the Creation and Fall from the Bible. We are focusing on how God forgives and how we can forgive others.

In Science

We are learning about living things and their habitats. We are focusing on how to classify living things by looking at their characteristics.

In PSHE

We are learning about democracy and citizenship. We are thinking about how we can use democracy in our lives at home and school.

In Geography

We will learn how human activity impacts different ecosystems and examine the challenges faced in reducing climate change.

In History

We will explore what Shackleton did and if his actions were correct. We are also learning about Henri Rousseau and his artwork.

In Art

We are exploring the art style of Henri Rousseau. We are practicing our sketching skills to recreate artwork in a similar style to him.

In French

We are learning what the body parts and facial features are. As well as recapping colours from Year 3.

In DT

We are learning to create artwork according to our brief and evaluate it.

In Music

We are working on our singing techniques for our Year 4 play performance.

In PE

We are working on our communication and teamwork skills in netball. We are also improving our skills for rugby games.

In Computing and Online Safety

We are learning how to use word and publisher to present our work. As well as understanding what identity is online.

Our PE Days:

Please ensure that you have PE kits on Wednesday and Thursday.

As the weather is cooling off, please ensure that you have an extra layer and that you bring a spare pair of socks should your feet get wet when it rains. It may also be useful to have a plastic bag for your trainers to go in if they get muddy.

Reading:

In year 4, children are expected to read 6 days a week for 20 minutes. Please ensure that you listen to your child read 3 times within the week and make note of this in their reading diary which shall be checked every Monday morning.

Other books like *Mama Miti* that you may like to read:

Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa by Jeanette Winter

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry

Lila and the Secret of Rain by David Conway and Jude Daly

A is for Activist by Innosanto Nagara

Our Planet: Infographic How It Works by Jon Richards and Ed Simkins