

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 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 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 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**