



St Luke's C.E. Primary School

High expectations by all, for all, reflecting the example of Jesus

## Year 4 Spring Term 2024

### English

**The Great Kapok Tree (fiction)** – Persuasive speech  
(Writing to persuade)

**The River – Poetry**  
(Writing to entertain)

**The Shaman's Apprentice (fiction)**- Narrative  
(writing to entertain)

**One Plastic Bag (non fiction)**- Letter  
(Writing to inform)

### Physical Education

**Gymnastics**- matching, linking and contrasting balances on, off and over apparatus

**Handball**- developing throwing, catching, passing, shooting and travelling skills

### PHSE

**Hope and Dreams:** recognising hopes/dreams, understanding hopes/dreams may not come true, overcoming disappointment, setting goals

**Healthy Me:** friendships, group dynamics, smoking, alcohol

### Geography

**Why are rainforest such an important part of our world?**

Location of rainforests, layers of rainforests, animals, Indigenous people, Fairtrade

### Art / Design Technology

#### Vincent Van Gogh

Colour mixing, develop a painting from a drawing (recreating Starry Night)

#### Djembe Drums

Designing, making and evaluating a miniature

### Science

**Sound: Why can I hear loud and quiet sounds?**

Parts of the ear, vibrations, pitch, volume

*Alexander Graham Bell – Inventor of the telephone*

**Animals including humans: What happens to my food?**

Names and functions of teeth, parts and functions of the digestive system

### Computer Science

**Spreadsheets:** entering numbers in cells as currency or decimals, adding formulae to cells, timer, create a line graph

**Hardware Investigators:** understand the different parts that make up a computer

**Using Logo:** input simple instructions, create letters, use repeat command



### Classics for All (Latin)

**Work, work, work:** adding verb endings

**The best days of your life:** adjective, noun and verb review

### Music

Kingston Music Wider Opportunities - Clarinet

### Mathematics

Number- Multiplication and Division  
Fractions

Measurement- Area  
Fractions and Decimals

**MTC prep**

### Religious Education

**What are The Beatitudes and what do they mean for Christians?**

Consider how moral decisions are made based on The Beatitudes

**How does worship and liturgy enable Christians to grow and express their faith?**  
What liturgy and worship are, prayer at the heart of worship, importance of music, Christian worship around the world

**Easter- How does Holy Communion build a Christian Community?**

How and why the blood of Jesus is shared, how what Jesus said is remembered by Christians, the legacy of Jesus

## Protecting Our World

Dear Parents,

Happy new year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday.

Our topic this term is 'Protecting Our World'. The children will be learning about the rainforest and what we can do look after it. In science, we will be focussing on sound and the digestive system.

We will be doing PE on Mondays and Thursdays this term.

It is useful for the children to keep their PE kits in school all week. Sometimes the timetable has to be flexible and we like to be ready to do physical activities whenever we can, often needing our PE kits.

As ever, times tables remains a focus in Year 4. Please continue to support your child with this at home. Thank you for your support!

Kind regards,  
Year 4 team

### Key Dates

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Rainforest Workshop at Kew Gardens**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Parent/Teacher interviews**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Class Assembly**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – ZooLab Workshop**

### Character Virtues for the Spring Term

January	Wonder (Patience)
February	Dignity (Goodness)
March	Resilience (Self-control)