



## Year 4 Spring Term 2020

### English

In English this term, our work will centre on the book 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. This book links with our topic of living things and habitats as it focuses on the rainforest. Within our narrative unit we will be focusing on stories from other cultures. Our poetry unit is focusing on creating images.

### Physical Education

This term, the focus in outdoor P.E will be on tennis and indoor P.E will focus on dance.

### PSHE

Dreams and Goals is the topic that the children will be focusing on this term in PSHE. The children will be learning about their own strengths and setting challenging but realistic goals and understanding how to deal with disappointment and their emotions when things go wrong.

### Music

In music the children will be focusing on Djembe Drumming and exploring different rhythmic patterns. They will also have the chance to explore sound and colours through a painting with sound theme.

### Art

In Art we will be exploring the life and work of Vincent van Gough. The children will learn the styles and techniques of Van Gough's artwork and will be given the opportunity to create their own masterpieces inspired by his style.

### Science

In Science the children will develop an understanding of all areas of states of matter. The children will explore liquids, solids and gases and will see how materials can change from one state to another, through a large range of simple practical enquiries.

### Computer Science

In ICT we will be co-authors and will be producing a wiki.



### Topic

Our topic for this term is Living things & habitats. We will be focusing on Rainforests & biomes. The children will be learning how to locate the rainforest areas on a map, as well as learning interesting facts about the rainforest and the animals that live there. We will also discuss some of the effects of global warming on the rainforest.

### Mathematics

Our focus in Maths is number and place value. We will be recapping on written addition and subtraction as well as expanding their knowledge on fractions, length, weight, bar charts and money.

Protecting our world

### Religious Education

In this term we will be looking at and discussing a range of people from the Old Testament in the bible. The children will have the chance to learn about these people and understand their importance and significance in the bible and everyday life.

### Design and Technology

This term we will be interlinking DT with our topic of the rainforest and completing a project where we will use a range of materials create a rainforest and some of the animals that live in the rainforest.

### Latin

The children will continue to enrich their understanding of Latin by focusing on the topic 'Work Work Work'. Within this topic the children will look at a range of vocabulary relating to the work life of the Latin family.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to St. Luke's. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the many cards and gifts that we received. We were very touched by your kindness and generosity. We hope you all had a peaceful and restful time over the Christmas break and are rejuvenated and ready for the spring term.

Last term, the children showed great enthusiasm across all aspects of the curriculum and approached every task with a diligent attitude. We will continue to build on these positive virtues throughout the spring term which is packed full of new challenges and exciting learning opportunities.

Kind regards,  
Year Four Team,  
(Miss D Dowd, Mr A F Francois-Williams, Ms J Henning's & Ms C. Mc Gilvray)

### Dates to note:

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January: Trip to Tate Britain**
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January: Year 4 Teach-in for parents – maths @9am**
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: Year 4 trip to Kew Gardens**
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day**
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Year 4D Class Assembly**
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> / Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Parent / Teacher interviews @ 2.30pm**
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Year 4FW Class Assembly**

### Character Virtues for the Spring Term

- January – Wonder (Patience)
- February – Dignity (Goodness)
- March – Resilience (Self-control)
- April – Integrity (Kindness)