

Curriculum Newsletter for Year 3 and 4 Spring 2, 2025.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the Spring term. We would like to share our Curriculum overview with you and some key dates for this half term.

PE day is Monday; please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them. Could you ensure your child has their PE trainers in school every day to use for our daily mile. Year 3 and 4 will begin swimming this term. Details to follow.

Homework—will go out Thursday and pupils will be expected to return their homework to school on Tuesday. Please ensure all homework is complete and back at school in time.

Our Topic for this half term is 'Tropical Rainforests'.

Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In Literacy pupils will be reading "Cloud Tea Monkeys" by Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham. The story is about Cloud Tea and how monkeys save a young girl and her mother. Pupils are exposed to range of language activities to stimulate grammatical development and reading comprehension skills. Pupils then write letters of thanks to the monkeys. Using the authors' note as further stimulus, children research, plan and then write a non-chronological report on tea, the tea-trade and traditions relating to tea.

In PE, pupils will be working on games, particularly, Qwik-Cricket, learning about working together as a team and developing the skills for batting and fielding.

In DT, this term pupils will examine how tapestry can be used as an art form. It looks at the history of tapestry and then looks at how dress and motifs are important. Pupils will then create their own badge.

In Ivrit, pupils will be learning about the significance of the number 4 in Pesach. The four sons, four cups of wine, four questions, the four parts of the song Hodo. Pupils will learn the Ivrit phrases using the number 4.

In Numeracy our key skills focus will be on learning all the multiplication tables to 12, measures, geometry, fractions and decimals, problem solving, challenges and investigations. Mental arithmetic, times tables, effective methods 8 strategies.

In Jewish Studies the pupils will be learning all about the Seder table and the Mah Nishtana, they will also be continuing with understanding the prayers in morning Tefilah and continuing to learn the script letters of the Alef-

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In Humanities, pupils will be comparing UK forests to the Amazon Rainforest. They will learn about different types of trees and water systems in forests.

In RE, pupils will be looking at more religious festivals including, Pesach,

Ramadan and Easter

In PHSCE, pupils will consider how physical exercise can help them keep healthy. The pupils look at different forms of exercise and identify why they are beneficial. It also looks at mental health and how to keep the mind healthy.

In Computing, pupils will be looking at data handling. Collect, find, organise and interpret information using graphing and a branching database.

In Music, pupils will be exploring Dragon scales looking at the pentatonic scale