# Year 4 Spring Newsletter

We have lots of exciting learning going on in Year 4 this half term! We have kicked off our Rainforest topic, which we are finding so interesting!

#### **Reminders:**

Staff: Miss Robson, Mr Turnbull and Mrs Watson
School Start: 8:40am – 8:55am
School Finish: 3:15pm
PE Day: PE is every Monday and Wednesday.
Please can children bring a PE kit into school consisting of a plain dark green t-shirt, black shorts/joggers, plimsolls and appropriate outdoor footwear.
PE kit should remain in school and be taken home at the end of each half term.
No jewellery can be worn during PE.
Please note, if your child is wearing stud earrings and cannot remove them unassisted, they will not be able to take part in the PE lesson.

**Outdoor learning**: This will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> January and 12<sup>th</sup> February. Children need to bring wellies and warm outdoor layers to school for our outdoor learning sessions.

### Class Dojo and Seesaw:

Please continue to use Class Dojo regularly to keep up with any messages from school. You can also contact your child's class teacher there.

It is important that you access Class Dojo regularly as we will be posting weekly information and activities to help with your child's learning.

We are continuing to use 'Seesaw' in school. This is a great app that allows the children to complete their learning on iPads. You will also be able to see your child's fantastic learning!



### Home Learning:

Children continue to receive spellings on a Monday and will be tested on a Friday. We are continuing with our spelling initiative, 'Bader Spelling Bee', where children compete with other classes to win!

We complete a times tables test every Friday, which consists of **ALL** times tables up to 12x12. **In Summer term,** Year 4 will complete a multiplication tables check, consisting of 25 random times tables questions. They will have 6 seconds to answer each question. We strongly encourage children to complete the Soundcheck on TTRS as regularly as possible to track their progress and their scores out of 25! We will be holding a meeting with more information this term (date will be posted on Dojo) Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any further questions about this.

We are also continuing with our whole school reading initiative 'Read for the Stars'. Please can you continue to read with your child every night at home.

## Our Learning:

This term, our Geography topic is 'Rainforests.' During this topic, children have been learning about the layers of the rainforest, locating rainforests on a world map, learning about the plants and animals in the rainforest, and exploring issues surrounding deforestation.

In class, we have been enjoying reading 'The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' by C.S.Lewis. Our Science topics are 'Animals Including Humans' and 'Living Things'.