

Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 4 | Spring Term 2 | 2026



Dear Families,

Thank you for your continued support. This half term, we have really enjoyed learning about Anglo Saxon Britain in History and Classification in Science. Here is an outline of the curriculum coverage for the second half of Spring 2. We will continue to use Seesaw as our online learning platform and will continue to keep it updated with any new information. Have a good and rested break, and we look forward to another learning-packed half-term!

This half term, our topic is 'Rainforest Ramble' and we will be focusing our learning on the key question: *Why are Rainforests so important?*

Our 'Stunning Start' to launch our topic will be:

The dressing up as animals from the Rainforest and complete craft activities to launch into our topic of the Rainforests.

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following virtual experiences, websites and texts:

Now Press Play - Rainforest experience.

Our 'Showcase' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

A speech about the importance of protecting the rainforest to parents during our Oracy evening on Thursday 19th March 2026.

Our 'Shared Outcome' to be shared with parents will be:

An after school speech session where parents and children will take part in a Q&A about the speeches.



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

English:

Key text:

- *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry

Key skills:

- Speeches: Oracy – how do we write a speech for an audience.
- Poetry: Quatrain - A four-line stanza with a rhyming structure.
- Grammar, punctuation, spelling
- Comprehension

Maths:

Key topics:

Perimeter
Fractions
Decimals

Science:

Living things and their habitats - Conservation

This unit 'Living things and their habitats – Conservation' takes children through six lessons where they learn how to recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

Useful websites and texts to support learning in this topic:

- You could read, 'In the Rainforest' by Katherine Rundell with your child.
- You could visit the Kew Gardens website <https://www.kew.org/>
- Go online and check out: <http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/rainforest.html> or <https://kids.mongabay.com/>
- Research: why are rainforests so important?

Computing: The children will be using Makey Makey to create a games console.

Geography: This half term we will learn about the rainforest: we will look at their location, climate, biodiversity and its impact on the planet. We will also consider the effects of deforestation.

RE: This half term we will be learning about Christianity through the question: In what ways is Jesus relevant today and in the future?

Art: We will be learning about Andy Warhol and Henri Rousseau and using paint to create art around the rainforest.

PE: We will continue to use Complete P.E. to develop fundamental skills to do with our use of space and netball.

Music: Singing development alongside beginning the Ukulele, looking at the history and string names.

Spanish: The children will be learning about fruits.

PSHE: This half term our focus will be on, 'Strength Through Positivity – Positive Pinner Wood'.

Reminders:

We will be going to London Zoo as part of our Geography topic. We will give you more information nearer the time.

