



# Year 4 Autumn Term 2

## Curriculum Newsletter



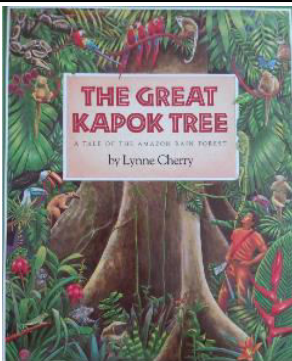
### Maths

Every morning, we will be continuing with our Fluency activities, which are focused on learning our multiplication tables. This half term, we will be revising our 2s, 5s and 10s, whilst learning our 4s and 8s. Keep going on TTRockstars to practise these! In our main lessons, we will start with practising methods for subtraction when there are exchanges. Also, we will be investigating how to choose the most efficient method for different operations. Every Friday, we will continue practising our arithmetic skills too!

### Science and Computing

In Science, we will be learning about the digestive system and the journey of the food that we eat. This will include discovering how we absorb nutrients, how our teeth help us and the importance of food webs.

This term, we are going to continue with our weekly Computing sessions, on 'Audio Editing'. Children will be listening to, creating and editing their own podcasts using different apps.



### English and Reading

In our reading we are going to be reading the emotional novel 'Crenshaw' by Katherine Applegate. Through this text, Maple class will continue to develop their reading skills such as, retrieval, inference, predicting and summarising.

In our English lessons, children will produce 2 pieces of writing: a descriptive write and a persuasive text. We will be using our texts 'The Great Kapok Tree' and 'The Shaman's Apprentice' by Lynne Cherry and our work in Geography to gather the techniques and knowledge to complete them both, refining out drafting and editing skills to ensure it our best work.

### Other information:

- PE is on Monday
- Reading diaries will be checked on Fridays and home learning will be checked Thursday mornings
- Keep an eye open for communication about our Christmas events this half term!

This term Year 4 will be focusing on the Geographical topic of Rainforests. Children will learn about the different rainforest of the world, and where to find them on a map. We will look at the 4 layers of a rainforest, and some of the creatures we find in them. During our lessons, the children will be considering the perspectives of different people and why rainforests are important to them. Children will be investigating deforestation and the impact it has locally and across the globe, with the children organising their own charity event to raise money for a conservation charity.

Our RE lessons this term will be comparing the Christian celebration of Christmas with the Hindu celebration of Diwali and the similarities and differences they have. Children will compare stories and traditions between the 2 religions to deepen their understanding of the belief system of each, using drama, art and time for personal reflection.

In DT, we will be improving our sewing skills and creating our own seasonal stockings, which the children will bring home.