

## ENGLISH

This half-term, pupils will be using their debating skills before writing persuasive letters, seeking to influence decision-makers about the effects of deforestation on the environment and other issues that they would like to raise. They will have the opportunity to read and discuss example letters in order to learn effective persuasive techniques. Additionally, children will explore how letters should be structured. They will have the opportunity to practice formality, as well as be encouraged to use a wider range of conjunctions, such as 'consequently'.

## GEOGRAPHY

Pupils will find out where rainforests are located and, using a range of resources, they will learn about the layers in rainforests and how these enable different animals to create their homes. Deforestation will be explored, with the children; examining how and why this habitat is being destroyed.

## PE

Each class in Year 4 will enjoy 2 weeks of swimming this half-term. Lessons will focus on developing safe entry into the pool and basic floating techniques. They will also be taught to swim on their front and back, with and without swimming aids. Some children will develop their previously learnt swimming skills.

## PSHE

'Healthy Me' is the topic for this half-term in PSHE. Pupils will examine the importance of healthy choices in terms of friendships and lifestyle choices e.g. smoking. They will then build on this to understand how relationships can be nurturing and what to do when they are not.

## MUSIC

During this half-term, the children will learn to play the glockenspiel. They will learn to play simple rhythms using 2 notes and improvise their own rhythms along to a tune. Pupils will incorporate elements of dynamics in our instrumental and vocal practices.

## FRENCH

Pupils will be learning phrases to describe the weather and vocabulary for the compass points, as well as the numbers 1-100.

## MATHEMATICS

Pupils will explore the effects of multiplying and dividing by 10 or 100, and their multiples. They will examine the relationship between multiplying by 100 and understand when a number is multiplied by 100; each part of that number becomes 100 times larger. Similarly, they will see that dividing by 100 makes a number one hundred times smaller. Pupils will also develop their understanding of position, direction and movement on a coordinate grid. They will learn how to give directions from one position to another.

## COMPUTING

This half-term pupils will learn how data records can be stored and sorted in many different ways, according to various attributes. They will create their own 'Top Trumps'-style data cards about their favourite rainforest animals, linking to their science focus.

## RE

Pupils will learn about why Easter is important to Christians. They will also find out how Easter is celebrated by Christians throughout the world. Important events such as the Last Supper will be discussed.

## SCIENCE

In the topic 'Animals and their Habitats', pupils will learn that all living things need certain conditions that let them carry out key life processes. They will explore how different species are uniquely suited to their specific habitats. Additionally, children will learn that changes to an environment can be natural or caused by humans. A workshop at West Ham Park will expose children to different types of living things in their local environment.

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## YEAR 4

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