



# ST ANNE'S RC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

## Spring 2 Newsletter

### Year 4



#### English

##### 'There's a 'Rangtan in my Bedroom.'

This term, the children will be developing their non-fiction writing skills, inspired by a powerful and emotive picture book. They will explore how authors engage the reader and use this as a stimulus for their own thoughtful writing.

Following this, we will focus on persuasive letters, learning how carefully chosen language and strong arguments can influence others and create impact. To conclude the unit, the children will research and write a detailed non-chronological report on orangutans, applying their knowledge of structure, organisation and factual writing.

#### R.E

##### Desert to Garden

We will be exploring the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. They will reflect on the significance of these events within the Christian faith and consider the themes of sacrifice, forgiveness and hope.

#### Computing

##### Podcasts

They will explore how to use audio tools effectively, considering clarity, expression and audience engagement to produce a polished final piece.

#### Design Technology

##### Textiles

This half term, we will be designing and make rainforest stuffed animals.

#### Mathematics

This term, Year 4 will develop their understanding of fractions by recognising and showing equivalent fractions, counting in fractions, and adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. They will also learn to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers and solve problems involving fractions.

#### Geography

This half term, we will be focusing on rainforests. The children will explore where rainforests are located around the world, the incredible diversity of life they support, and the important role they play in our planet's ecosystem. We will also investigate the threats rainforests are facing and consider why their protection is so vital.

#### Science

This term in Science, Year 4 will be learning about Electricity. The children will identify common appliances that run on electricity and distinguish between mains and battery-powered devices. They will build simple series circuits using cells, wires, bulbs, buzzers and switches, learning the function of each component. Through practical investigations, they will explore what happens when parts of a circuit are changed and use scientific vocabulary to explain their observations. They will also begin to recognise common circuit symbols.

#### Music

Violin with Tameside Music Service

#### PE

Gymnastics

#### PHSE

Being and keeping safe and healthy

#### French

Days  
Months  
Dates