Year 4 Newsletter – Term 1

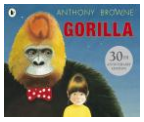


Jacaranda: Miss Emms (Mrs Nash – Tuesday)
TA: Miss Sivathasan & Mrs Luckhurst
PE: Wednesday and Thursday
Forest School: Not this term



Tamarisk: Mrs Collins (Monday & Tuesday), Mrs Hobby Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)
TA: Mrs Traves/ Mrs Luckhurst
PE: Thursday
Forest School: Wednesday

Should Animals be Kept in Zoos?



English
In class, we will be using the text 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne. The focus is on writing a narrative based on the story. The children will practise using expanded noun and prepositional phrases to add detail, fronted adverbials as ways to start sentences, organising writing into paragraphs and how to punctuate speech correctly. They will then write non-chronological reports about Gorillas. In Guided Reading, we will be sharing Myths and Legends and focusing on retrieval to understand a text.

Maths
The focus at the start of the term is on the place value of numbers, by recognising numbers and writing them in different ways, understanding the value of each digit and how this can be written, ordering and comparing numbers, finding 10, 100 or 1000 more or less than an amount and rounding to 10, 100 or 1000. We will then progress to addition and subtraction.



Geography
The topic for the term is climate zones and biomes and gorillas, including looking at the environment gorillas live in. Children will learn about different biomes around the world and their climate and environment. They will make comparisons between the different biomes.

Art
Children will be developing sketching skills, mixing paint and creating shades linked to plants and creating nature inspired art based around leaves.

French
The children will be learning how to greet others and introduce themselves.

RE
The big question is 'What can Christians learn from the Creation Story?' Children will look at the creation story and think about our wonderful world that God made and what it means to Christians. They will at Bible stories and share ideas on what they might teach a Christian.



Computing
Children are looking at networks and how computers communicate with each other. They will practise ways to search the internet for information and discuss the relevance and accuracy of the results. Children will also explore the importance of internet safety.

Science
In Science, the children will be exploring the digestive system in humans from the mouth and the role of teeth and all the way through the body till it leaves as waste. Then also look at different food chains.



PE
This term, the children will be practicing their throwing and catching skills through Handball as well as attacking and defending techniques. They will also take part in gymnastics, with a focus on balances in sequences.

PSHE
The theme is 'Me and My Relationships.' Children will think about different feelings and how they can share how they feel. They will explore what makes for positive relationships with different people in their lives.

Music
The children will have music lessons from an outside agency where they will be learning to play a trumpet.

Term 1 Christian Value

Koinonia

'May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all'

2 Corinthians 13:14

Please make sure your child brings in their reading record and reading book **EVERYDAY**
They need a named drink bottle in school at all times!
Please make sure your child has a coat and suitable footwear (named) as the weather turns colder.