



## Year 4 Newsletter Term 2

### Curriculum

This term, our key questions are:

How can we make sound?

Why are jungles so wet and deserts so dry?

This term our questions will bring together many aspects of the curriculum. We will be learning about why the climate is different across the United Kingdom, the world's climates, understand how geographers use climate graphs to compare the climate of one place to another and the impact climate has on plants and animals. We will look at the climate in the Amazon Rainforest and compare this with the climate in the Atacama desert. In Science, we will be learning about sound, how sound is created, how it travels and how we can hear sound.

This term our class text is *Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp* by Philip Pullman which is a story about a young boy called Aladdin who is recruited by a sorcerer from the Maghreb, who passes himself off as the brother of Aladdin's late father. We will continue to use our Whole Class Reading sessions to explore and analyse this text in detail and we will also be reading the *Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C S Lewis.

### P.E./Games

PE kits must be worn into school on the days that you have PE. Earrings must be removed for all P.E, swimming and games lessons.

P.E. days for Year 4 are as follows:

Indoor PE - **Tuesday**

Outdoor PE - **Wednesday**

### Home Learning

#### Spellings

Spellings will be given out every other week.

#### Maths

Personalised Maths home learning will be set weekly on Sumdog. Please continue to practise your times tables on Times Table Rock Stars. Certificates will be awarded when a new rock status is achieved.

#### Reading

Please read daily and record this in your Reading Record. This can be your school reading book or your book from the 40 book challenge.

#### Tea Time Talks

3 questions will be sent home weekly for you to discuss on the previous week's learning.

### Key dates for your diary

- 6<sup>th</sup> November** - First day of Term 2
- 14<sup>th</sup> November** - Y4 Parent Share in the Hall 2.45pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> November** - Book Fair
- 21<sup>st</sup> November** - Parent consultations
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November** - Parent consultations
- 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Winter Woolly Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Disco
- 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Lunch
- 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Carols by Candlelight
- 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Panto
- 20<sup>th</sup> December** - Last day of term