

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Summer 1 2021

Below is an outline of what we will be covering in Year 4 over the first half of the Summer term.

RE - 'From Easter to Pentecost'

In this topic we will be focusing on:

- Easter Sunday in the Gospel of Mark - The Resurrection
- Speaking up for your faith, looking particularly at:
 - The Season of Pentecost
 - The Tyburn Martyrs

English - *Following The Power of Reading*

'The Great Kapok Tree' & 'There's a Rang-tan in my bedroom':

As the children learn about rainforests, they will create their own reports about the features of rainforests including locations, climates, flora and fauna of the rainforests and environmental factors affecting rainforests today. The children will also create vivid descriptions, collaborative poems and explore playscript writing too. Following this, we will link this to the book 'There's an rang-tan in my bedroom' (James Sellick, Frann Preston-Gannon) to also write persuasive letters about deforestation and palm oil production.

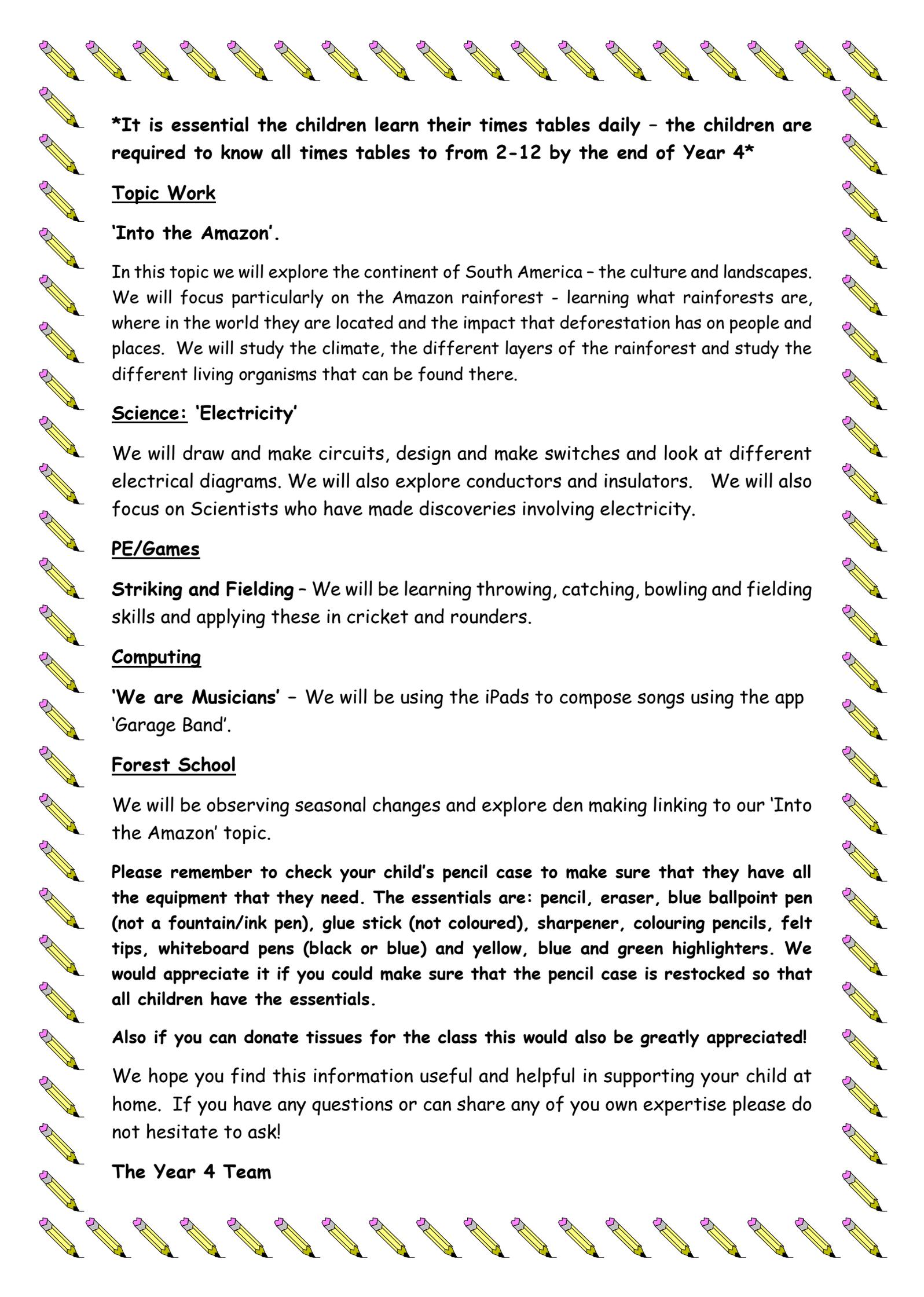
Spelling/Grammar/Punctuation

We will continue to work on the year 4 spellings using the Oxford Owl scheme and alongside the years 3 and 4 statutory word list. A list of spellings will be sent home weekly and your child should practise them in preparation for the following week's dictation.

Maths

Fractions - exploring the relationship between tenths and hundredths; identifying equivalent fractions; simplifying fractions; looking at fractions greater than 1; adding and subtracting fractions and finding fractions of amounts.

Decimals - learning about the decimal points, tenths and hundredths; understand how to divide 1 and 2-digit numbers by 10 and 100 and complete calculations resulting in a decimal answer. Comparing, ordering and rounding decimals.



It is essential the children learn their times tables daily - the children are required to know all times tables to from 2-12 by the end of Year 4

Topic Work

'Into the Amazon'.

In this topic we will explore the continent of South America - the culture and landscapes. We will focus particularly on the Amazon rainforest - learning what rainforests are, where in the world they are located and the impact that deforestation has on people and places. We will study the climate, the different layers of the rainforest and study the different living organisms that can be found there.

Science: 'Electricity'

We will draw and make circuits, design and make switches and look at different electrical diagrams. We will also explore conductors and insulators. We will also focus on Scientists who have made discoveries involving electricity.

PE/Games

Striking and Fielding - We will be learning throwing, catching, bowling and fielding skills and applying these in cricket and rounders.

Computing

'We are Musicians' - We will be using the iPads to compose songs using the app 'Garage Band'.

Forest School

We will be observing seasonal changes and explore den making linking to our 'Into the Amazon' topic.

Please remember to check your child's pencil case to make sure that they have all the equipment that they need. The essentials are: pencil, eraser, blue ballpoint pen (not a fountain/ink pen), glue stick (not coloured), sharpener, colouring pencils, felt tips, whiteboard pens (black or blue) and yellow, blue and green highlighters. We would appreciate it if you could make sure that the pencil case is restocked so that all children have the essentials.

Also if you can donate tissues for the class this would also be greatly appreciated!

We hope you find this information useful and helpful in supporting your child at home. If you have any questions or can share any of you own expertise please do not hesitate to ask!

The Year 4 Team