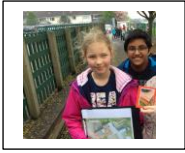


May 2016

Year 4 Newsletter



Dates for your diary:

- Wk/Beg 30th May—Half Term
- Monday 6th June - Teacher Education Day (School closed)
- Friday 17th June - Open Day
- Thursday 23rd June - Election Day (School closed)
- Friday 1st July—Summer Fayre
- Tuesday 5th July—Key stage 2 Sports' Day



Seeking the Kapok Tree

We had a fantastic time on our educational visit to the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham last month. The staff gave the children a rucksack challenge, which challenged them to read the clues and then battle their way through the tropical flora and fauna to solve the puzzles. We even found the tree from our favourite story "The Great Kapok tree". We took a nature walk through the beautiful gardens and completed a co-ordinates challenge. One of our favourite parts was looking at the peacocks who proudly roam free in the grounds. We also looked at lots of different plants and foods that grow in the rainforest and had the opportunity to hold and smell them. It was an amazing day. We are very proud to tell you that we received a letter from the Botanical Gardens staff after our visit, praising the children for their hard work and excellent behaviour. Well done Year 4!

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Learning last week was another brilliant day - we took part in many different activities! Mrs Smith gave the children a maths co-ordinates challenge. The children had pictures and clues to find in the school grounds. Mrs Stanton led the children in some very inventive games and rainforest challenges, while Mrs Irvine gave the children the opportunity to search for insects and plants in our forest school area. We all got rather rain soaked but the children enjoyed their day.

Help at Home

The children have been busy working towards their targets. You could help them achieve their targets by: Reading with them at home - Encourage your child to ask questions about the text. Don't forget to sign their reading records so we can award them the 3 x a week reading certificates. Practise their targeted times tables. Try singing tables songs or playing times table bingo. Continue to practise spelling the big list of Year 3 and 4 words, there will be another test soon.

Think of the Month



If you change your name, does it change who you are?

When thinking about your response, consider:

- *What do you think?
- *Why do you think it?
- *Can you give an example?

Answers on the Think board please!

Friday challenge

Friday challenge has been a great success and as we approach the end of this term we are thinking of new activities to provide enjoyable incentives for positive behaviour. If your child has an idea or suggestion for an activity could you please jot it down in their communication book. Each child chooses an activity to take part in every Friday afternoon for half a term.