

Year 4 Newsletter

Supporting learning at home

As part of your child's learning, it is really important that they spend time at home practising their reading, spellings and times tables. A little and often approach really does have a massive impact.

They could try using look, cover, write, check to help them learn their spellings.

These online games are really useful to help with learning times tables:

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/starship/maths/games/cross_the_swamp/big_sound/full.shtml

Staffing Update

After careful consideration Mrs Smith (4S) has tendered her resignation to pursue alternative career options which will take affect from Easter.

From Easter Mrs Bridge, an experience Y4 teacher has been appointed to this post. Mrs Bridge will be starting with us just before we break up so that she can liaise with Mrs Smith, plan alongside Mrs Colley and Mrs Hames and take some time to get to know the children.

We wish Mrs Smith all the best and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and dedication to Oak Hill.

Trip to Botanical Gardens

On March 8th, we were lucky enough to visit the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham. During our visit we completed the rainforest challenge in the glasshouses, where we identified plants from the rainforest and also learnt about medicines and fruits produced there. We also got to experience the intense humidity and interesting smells that you would find in the actual rainforests. Map skills were used to find our way around the huge gardens and challenges were completed along the way. Some of us also found time to practise our sketching skills in the Mediterranean house and outside gardens. Luckily, the weather held off for us and a great day was had by all. We were incredibly proud of the children for their excellent behaviour all day. Well done year 4.

Thank you to all of the parents who have offered to help us on trips and to those who have already accompanied us on trips. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



Rainforests of the World

The children have been using their geography skills to locate a missing explorer, whose helicopter had crashed in the Amazon rainforest. Thankfully, with the help of atlases and the internet, children were able to find her and help was sent her way. Children have not only located the rainforests of the world, but have also been learning about the different rainforest layers and the animals and plants that live there. In their writing time, children have created a report on the rainforest layers and are currently writing a persuasive piece to help in the fight against deforestation. In our reading time, children have been studying a book called 'The Great Kapok Tree'. Through this text they have learnt so much about rainforest animals and also developed more of an understanding of deforestation. Over the coming weeks we are very much looking forward to creating some rainforest artwork in the style of Henry Rousseau.

Dates for your diary

Red nose day – 24th March 2017

School disco – make sure you get your slip and money returned to avoid disappointment



PE kits are needed on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please remind your child to bring them in.

Think of the Month

Thank you so much to all the children who took the time to add their ideas to our think board. We have enjoyed reading them and discussing different opinions in class.

This month's think is...

Is a toy car that no one has ever played with still a toy?

When thinking about your response, think about:

*What do you think?

*Why do you think it?

*Can you give an example?

Answers on the Think board please!



Pedestrian Training

Next week is pedestrian training week.

Please make sure you child knows when their class are completing this activity. A coat and sensible shoes will be needed for that day.

Class 4H Monday 20th March

Class 4C Tuesday 21st March

Class 4S Wednesday 22nd March

