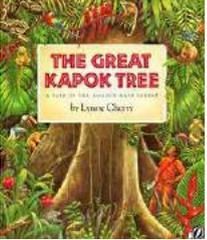


# Welcome to Year 4!

Autumn Term 2019

Topic - Brazil

Mrs Morgan, Miss Gilmore and Miss Price

<p>Languages, Literacy and Communication</p> 	<p><b>Oracy:</b> Documentary-style reports on the Amazon Rainforest using Green Screen. Presentation of facts on Brazil.</p> <p><b>Reading:</b> Whole class Guided Reading of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our topic, including the Great Kapok tree and The Explorer.</p> <p><b>Writing:</b> Poetry - different styles and techniques. Introduction to new Cursive Handwriting scheme, Non-chronological reports on Brazil. Authentic writing tasks eg persuasive letter-writing to companies and MPs.</p> <p>Weekly spelling tests.</p> <p><b>Welsh</b> - sentence patterns, vocabulary and reading through the topics of Yr Ysgol (School) and Bwyd (food)</p> <p>Regular Mandarin sessions.</p>
<p>Mathematical Development</p> 	<p>Addition and subtraction- number bonds to 100/1000</p> <p>Number and place value- 4 digit numbers and above</p> <p>Time-To the nearest minute, duration, 24 hour time</p> <p>Measure-Length, weight and capacity</p> <p>Revise 4 rules of number (-+x÷)</p> <p>Multiplication and deriving division facts</p> <p>Halving and doubling 3 digit numbers</p> <p>Fractions and decimals</p> <p>Problem solving and reasoning skills</p> <p>Using and applying number skills in everyday situations, including finances.</p>
<p>Science and technology</p> 	<p>Through the topic 'Sustainable Earth', children will be learning about ecological issues and to:</p> <p>Decide whether a method or approach was successful,</p> <p>Plan how to make a test fair,</p> <p>Describe how they learned and identifying methods that worked the best,</p> <p>Make predictions using previous knowledge and understanding.</p> <p>DT - Look at the food groups and what our bodies need to stay healthy.</p> <p>Research smoothies that are commercially available and then work in groups to design and make a healthier alternative.</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>Children will be learning about the main religions of the world through the topic of Faith.</p> <p>They will have the opportunity to learn about different religions' beliefs as well as being able to express what they can learn from each religion.</p> <p>Children will learn to express their views and opinions with respect and to respect the opinions of others.</p>
<p>Brazil</p> 	<p>This project will be child-led and will teach children about the history, geography, traditions and culture of Brazil and the Brazilian Rainforest.</p> <p>In this project children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learn about the animals and indigenous cultures of Brazil</li><li>• Research the geographical features and climate of Brazil</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn about the Rio Carnival and create costumes for their own carnival.</li> <li>• Learn about and express their views on the contemporary issues affecting Brazil and consider how we can play an active part in helping to effect change.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Health and Wellbeing</b></p> 	<p>Gymnastics- Learning about different gymnastic shapes and create a sequence of linked movements</p> <p>Dance - Learning about traditional Brazilian dances and comparing with Welsh dances.</p> <p>Creating a group piece for Christmas concert</p> <p>Outdoor games skills</p>
<p><b>ICT and the Digital Competency Framework</b></p> 	<p>Children will be using ICT in all lessons to edit, record, type, research and extend their learning. They will be learning to use online tools safely with a particular focus this term on keeping passwords and personal information safe.</p>

Useful websites:

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

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/earth/amazonrainforest.html>

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/>

<https://www.mathplayground.com/>

<https://readtheory.org/auth/login>

If your child is in Miss Price's class then they will be aware that Miss Price has a **hearing loss** and relies on lip reading at all times. It would be very helpful if any important messages could be given in writing. If you do wish to speak to Miss Price before or after school then please make sure that you **get her attention** before starting to speak.

Your child will be **learning some signs** to help avoid miscommunications which will benefit their overall language skills!

If you need to contact her during the day for any urgent matter then please **leave a message with the office staff** and they will ensure that it is passed on as soon as possible.

Many thanks!