



# Year 4 Newsletter Term 2



# **Amazing Amazons**

#### **DATES**

**01.11.20** INSET day (academy closed to pupils)

**02.11.20** First day of Term 2

10.11.21 and 11.11.21

KS2 Parent Consultations

**16.11.20** Anti-bullying week

**17.12.20** Last day of Term 2

**04.01.21** First day of Term 3

# **WELCOME BACK**

We hope you have had an enjoyable and restful break, and are ready for the exciting term ahead!

#### **PE KITS**

During the colder months, pupils have the option to wear plain tracksuit bottoms and/or a dark hoody or sweatshirt for PE sessions. Please ensure all items are named.

#### HOME LEARNING

This can be found online via ParentPay. We had some amazing pieces produced in term 1, and look forward to seeing your child's hard work at the end of term!

#### **ENGLISH**

In English this term the learning will be based on the story 'The Great Kapok Tree' and the children will be immersed in the text through various activities



such as book talk, research and writing tasks. The pupils will develop their debating skills and non-fiction writing. They will also use drama to look at setting descriptions and story writing, to enable them to create an alternative ending to the story.

### **MATHS**

This term will begin with a revision of Place Value and using formal methods of addition and subtraction.

Later on in the term the children will explore multiplication and move on to division using a range of different methods in order to solve calculations. Towards the end of term, the pupils will continue to develop their problem solving skills.

### Wider Curriculum

This term's Amazing Amazon Learning Journey takes pupils across the globe to South America, where they will be exploring the 'Amazing Amazon'. We will focus heavily on Geography and links strongly with our Science learning this term. They will be learning



about a range of topical issues such as deforestation and the importance of the rainforest to the world's eco-system. Through these topics pupils will learn how to debate and discuss their viewpoints. They will also have the opportunity to implement their creative skills in a range of artistic activities inspired by Matisse.

#### SCIENCE

This term the pupils will be learning about living things and their habitats. They will explore this through the Amazon learning journey topic as well as exploring a range of other habitats from around the world. They will also learn how scientists classify different species, and what groups they are classified into. Throughout the term, they will develop their knowledge of the relevant scientific language, and begin to read, use and create their own

### **Evolution of Me**

This term the pupils will focus on different relationships. The pupils will unpick what constitutes a caring relationship, look at strategies to tackle bullying and how to support their peers to manage difficult situations

# **Empowerment**

Pupils will continue learning about the three brains and developing the skills required to meet their emotional, body and learning needs.

# **HIGHLIGHT OF LAST TERM**

Our highlight of last term has to be our amazing Battle of Hastings Day. The children enjoyed exploring the foods and fighting styles of 1066.

