

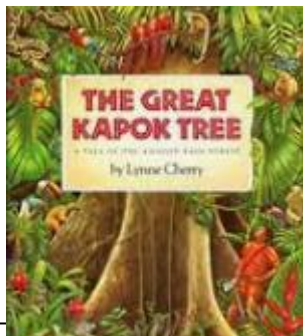
Dates for the diary:

- Bedtime Stories – Thursday 9th January
- School Nurse Drop In Session 2pm – 3pm 13th January
- Parents evening – 12th and 13th February
- Last day of term 3 – Friday 14th February

We are Writers

We will be starting off the term as authors inspired by Lynne Cherry's *The Great Kapok Tree*. We will be thinking about how speech is used to develop a text and add to its meaning. We will also be using persuasive writing skills to create a travel brochure for South America which links with our Geographers unit as well as a TV advert we would like to invite you to watch!

In our handwriting and spelling lessons, we will be continuing to secure correct letter formation as well as looking at the ways in which words with -ture endings are spelt.



We are Self-Aware Citizens



Our focus this term is 'changing me'. During this unit we will be looking at the ways in which our bodies change as we age and grow. We will also be looking at relationships with others and how these change as we grow older.

We are Readers

This term, we will explore a range of texts that link to our learning about South America. These include a range of fiction books inspired by the beautiful continent including the *Vanishing Rainforest*, *Journey to the River Sea* and *Ada's Violin*.



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We are Geographers.

As Geographers, we will be looking at the continent of South America. We will explore its many countries, its interesting landscape, unique wildlife, biomes and climate. We will also explore its physical and human features and how this influences the lives of those who live there.



General reminders

- PE days are Mondays and Wednesday.
- Wear full PE kit on PE days (white t-shirt and navy bottoms with trainers)
- Remember to read every day (it makes such a difference!) and practise timetables up to 12x12 (fluency we do in class is really showing the work put in at home, thank you!)

We are Mathematicians



This term we will continue to expand our knowledge of multiplication starting with the 7 times table. We will then further develop our understanding through multiplicative reasoning.

Within the summer term, all year 4 children will take the multiplication check. This requires them to answer twenty-five multiplication questions each within six seconds. Times tables are a key skill that helps your child throughout their learning journey in mathematics and will make future learning a lot easier! To ensure your child is confident, please support them to use TT Rockstars as this will prepare them well for the test ('soundcheck' mimics this). Fluency we do in class is really showing the work put in at home, thank you! Please speak to your child's class teacher for more information.

This term we will also be...

Linguists – We will be continuing to learn key Spanish vocabulary and working on our conversation skills.

Computer Scientists – We will be learning about spreadsheets and learning about how these can help us.