



## *Year 4 Class Newsletter – Autumn Term 1*

### Our Learning

#### English

The children have fallen in love with the book we are focusing on in English, 'The Land of Neverbelieve'. It has provided a great stimulus for their writing so far this half term. The children have been exploring the animals and different settings found in the book and are looking forward to creating a piece of fictional writing to showcase specific skills learnt so far.

#### Maths

We are focusing on number and place value at the beginning of the term to support the children with the foundations to solve calculations from the four operations. The children will complete many complex problem-solving challenges to test their ability to work systematically and in groups.

#### Big Idea - Going Green

The children will be using classification keys to identify new species found in different parts of the world. They will also be specifically focusing on the current disaster in the Amazon rainforest, identifying what needs to be done to help and how the tragic fires have affected the animals that live there. We will also be exploring how animals have adapted to live in the rainforest and compare these to other animals across the world. The children will take place in many other art activities linked to animals; they will be using clay to create new species and chicken wire and paper mache to create different habitats.

### Key messages

PE days are every Friday - please ensure your child has the correct PE kit (black/navy shorts and a white t-shirt)

Swimming will take place every Monday as our second PE session. Please ensure your child has everything they need for this.

### Homework

- Reading – Reading is fundamental to all parts of your child's learning. It would be extremely beneficial and helpful for your child, if they can read at least 4 times a week (at least 15/20 minutes a time). This can be them reading independently or to someone in the family.
- X tables – We will focus on a different times table each week; looking at inverse operations and the corresponding division facts. I will update you on this in their homework diary. X Tables Rockstars is a great app that the school has invested in, so please allow your child time to play on it.
- Spellings – Each week, I will send spelling words home for your child to practise; they will also practise these daily in school. A supportive test will take place every Friday on these words.

**Homework and reading diaries will be collected in every Friday. Please tick each challenge on the glued in sheet and write your initials in the reading diary for every time your child reads. These will then be sent back out every Friday.**