

### Welcome to Year 4!

We are really looking forward to the year and getting to know your children and for them to get to know us. We have a lot of exciting things planned for the term. This newsletter will give you an outline of things to come but, please, speak to any of the team if you have any questions.

**4 Oak:** Mrs Jenny Brown and Miss Sarah Lewis

**4 Maple:** Mrs Danni Gibbon and Mrs Tamara Baird

**4 Elm:** Ms Helena O'Shea, Mrs Rachael Allcock and Mrs Lyndsey Saycell

### Spelling

This year we will be consolidating the learning of the National Curriculum words for years 3 and 4, as well as ensuring that the children are able to expand their vocabulary and edit their own spellings.

Every Friday the children will be tested on their individual 10 words, which are taken from the year 3 and 4 list, year 4 spelling patterns and topic related vocabulary. We ask that, as part of their home learning, the children work on practising their spellings using as many different strategies as they can.

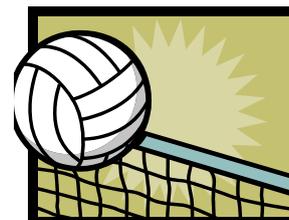
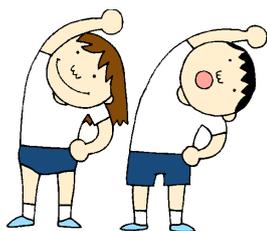


### PE Days

4 Oak and 4 Elm: Monday and Tuesday

4 Maple: Tuesday and Wednesday

Children should have their full PE kit in school everyday, we will send kits home every half term to be washed. For the safety of your child, which is our prime concern, it is really important that all jewellery is removed and long hair tied back.



### Rainforest Explorers

This topic is designed to help children understand about the ways that all living things are classified and sorted according to their different characteristics. They will explore different habitats with a particular focus on the rainforest as a distinct habitat and begin to understand how this can be affected by environmental change. The children will participate in a day trip to The Living Rainforest (October 1st) where they will undertake a workshop to enhance their knowledge of classification skills and will have time to learn about plants from rainforest habitats.



### Water

We encourage the children to drink throughout the day as it has been shown that this helps to keep us alert, and to concentrate better. Please remind your child to take home their water bottle each day so that it can be cleaned ready for the following day. Thank you.

### Parent Helpers

We love to have help in school! If you are free at any point in the week and would like to help out, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### Important Dates

**Fabulous Friday:** Friday 28th September

**Living Rainforest trip :** Monday 1st October

**Parents Evening:** Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th October

**School Photos:** Friday 12th October

**Festival of Flight:** W/C 15th October