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Dear Parents

This half term, Year 4 will have a Geography focus learning all about A Village in Brazil and The Rainforest. Attached to this letter are your child's Knowledge Organisers which contain key facts, vocabulary and information about your child's learning in class.

Our learning:

- In English, our class text will be Just So Stories, which focus on the creation of different animals and their characteristics links to both our Rainforest and Brazil topics. Our focus in Reading lessons will be the skill of retrieval.
- In Writing, we will be writing our own Porquios Tales. For the second half of the half term we will be writing poetry based on Rainforest animals and a fact file of Brazil.
- In Maths we are focusing on place value and written methods of addition and subtraction.
- In Science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats focusing on how to classify and sort living things based on their characteristics.
- In Geography we will be learning all about the human and physical features of a village in Brazil and the different layers of the rainforest.
- In R.E. we will be learning about the religions Judaism and Hinduism and what the people who follow these religions believe about God.
- In P.E. we will be starting our Swimming lessons. (More information will be sent out on a separate letter.)
- In Art, we will be taking inspiration from Brazil and the children will work towards designing a shoe box to represent Brazil.
- In Music, we will be learning and performing some Brazilian music.

Can we please ask that you support your child at home in ensuring they know fluently, their times tables, that they are reading each day independently and to you and they have opportunities to be read to by an adult. Can we ask that you also ensure their home learning projects are completed on time.

You can also use the information on their Knowledge Organisers to test their recall of facts and their understanding of the new vocabulary listed.

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to assist you.

On the reverse side of this letter, you will find information about key dates coming up this term as well as details of your child's home learning projects.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,
The Year 4 Team



Home Learning Projects:

(Please choose one or two to complete over the half term)

- Create a travel plan of how you would get from your house to Rio De Janeiro. Include how long it would take and how much it would cost.
- Sew, make or design something to represent Brazil for example a piece of clothing or jewellery.
- Create a collage of photos to show what life is like in Brazil and present the information to the class.
- Create a PowerPoint or a booklet about an aspect of physical or human geography in Brazil.
- Plan, learn and perform a song or dance about Brazil to the class.
- Research the Rainforest and create a fact file to share with the class.
- Create a guide to surviving in the Rainforest, you might want to look at deadly bugs and creatures and how/why to avoid them!

Homework:

Homework will be given out each Friday and needs to be completed in homework books and returned on Wednesdays so it can be marked and celebrated and the next week's homework stuck in.

Children are expected to read at home either independently or to an adult three times a week (depending on their confidence and fluency), this needs to be recorded in their reading records and signed by an adult at home.

Children are also expected to spend some time on Timetable Rockstars weekly practicing their times tables, this can be done on an iPad, tablet, laptop, computer or phone. If your child does not have access to one of these, please let their teacher know so that we can send home a paper copy and allow them time in school to access the website.

Spelling will be sent home weekly and there will be a weekly spelling test in class.

Dates for your Diaries:

Tuesday 10th September – Meet the Teacher (4 Owl)

Thursday 12th September – Meet the Teacher (4 Kestrel, 4 Falcon)

Wednesday 11th September – Swimming starts (4 Owl)

Thursday 12th September – Swimming starts (4 Kestrel, 4 Falcon)

Monday 23rd September – Brazilian workshop in school

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4 Falcon – Tuesday

4 Kestrel – Wednesday

4 Owl – Friday