

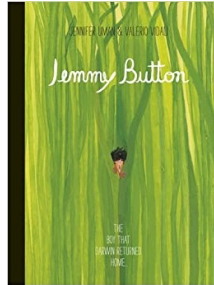


Curriculum News

Summer 1 - Year 4

English:

In English we are reading a book called *Jemmy Button—The Boy That Darwin Returned Home*. We will be using this to write a diary entry, letter and newspaper report.



We will also be developing our inference and prediction skills when reading this book.

Maths:

This term we will be revising the four operations and using these calculations to solve word problems.

We will convert between different units of time and use this to solve problems.

We will be presenting and interpreting data in bar charts and time graphs. We will further our understanding of coordinates, translation and reflection.

Reading:

In guided reading, we will be learning four key skills: predicting, clarifying, questioning and summarising.

Children will bring home a reading book from school, which they need to read each night. After reading, children need to write a short summary in their reading record. Reading records and books need to be brought to school every day.

In **Topic**, we will be learning about Rainforests. We will identify the countries they are found in using atlases and will look at the Equator, Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn. We will find out about the climate in the rainforest, the animals that live there and the trees and plants that live in each layer. We will also think about how we can protect the rainforest.

In **Science** we will be learning about living things and their habitats; including using classification keys to identify, sort and group living things. The students will also be introduced to the idea that habitats are subject to man-made and natural changes and that these changes could have a significant impact on living things. Throughout this topic the students will work scientifically by gathering, recording and presenting information in different ways.

In **P.E.** we will be learning the skills needed for cricket, including catching the moving ball at various heights and speeds, striking the ball confidently into various target areas, bowling the ball accurately in a straight line and understanding the tactics needed for a game of cricket.

In **Computing**, we will be learning how to use spreadsheets. We will use formulas to create calculations and will use the language associated with spreadsheets.

Dates For Your Diary

19th April - MEND parent workshop
3.30-4.30pm

24th April - Parents' Evening
(school closes at 2pm)

Between 30th April—9th May
Year 4 Bikeability Level 1

7th May - Bank Holiday
(school closed)

17th May - MEND parent workshop
3.30-4.30pm

Home Learning:

At home your child needs to read for 20 minutes every day. When they have finished, they need to write a short summary in their reading record. Reading at home should be enjoyable, so please encourage your child to read newspapers, recipes, websites and library books, as well as the book they bring home from school.

In addition to this, your child needs to practise their times tables and spellings at least 3 times a week.