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Monday 5th January 2026

Dear families,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family managed to have a relaxing holiday. May I take the opportunity to say thank you for the generous cards and gifts at Christmas. This term we have plenty to look forward to (and lots to keep practising) so it will be very busy. This term our Geography topic is all about the rainforest biomes and we will be focusing on the Amazon rainforest.

Important points

- PE will be on Tuesdays (indoor) and Thursdays (outdoor).
- Please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle and coat every day.
- This term, our music lessons will be provided by Oxfordshire Music Service where all children will have the chance to learn the cornet. Lessons will be on a Wednesday morning with Oxfordshire Music Service teacher Mr Browne.
- Information about our learning this term can be found on the topic web available on the school website.
- Please provide an old shirt, t-shirt or apron (named) for your child to use when painting in art on Fridays this term. It might be easiest to ensure it stays in their bag for the half term so that they have it each week.

Times Tables

Please ensure your children take the time to practise daily on Times Tables Rockstars. All year 4 children are expected to know *all* their times tables to 12x12 by the end of the year. Times tables are a key part of their learning in Maths and without this knowledge it can make it more challenging.

Reading

In year 4, the children are expected to read at least 3-4 times a week. Reading aloud to an adult enables them to improve their fluency which in turn helps to increase their comprehension of what they are reading. Do take the time to ask questions or discuss the characters too. See the website for ideas on questions to ask your child.

If you would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,

Mrs Dingley and Mrs Sutton