Dear Parents,

We have had a fantastic start to Year 4 and are thoroughly enjoying getting to know all our children! We are looking forward to guiding the children through some wonderful units of work that we will be studying this year, including three terrific topics. In the first term, we find ourselves being transported to South America, where we look at the world’s largest rainforest as well as the fascinating, varied cultures in this vast continent. In the spring term, we will discover the impact of the Romans on Britain.

In Year 4, children must ensure their homework is handed in on time, that they have the relevant equipment in school and that their PE kit is always in school. We will use the homework diary as a means of communication to pass on information, so it is important that it is checked by children and parents. Please sign your child’s diary in readiness for them to hand it in on Monday.

We look forward to meeting you all as the term progresses. It’s going to be a brilliant year!

Miss Vautier and Mrs Watson

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**Staff in Year 4**

In addition to the class teachers, the following people will be working in Year 4 this term:

- Mrs Lyne
- Madame Sharkey
- Mr Kostas
- Mrs Williams
- Mrs James

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**Autumn Term 2018**

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Homework diaries to be handed in on Monday
Spellings to be learned at home weekly for a test in school on Mondays
Children should be listened to reading each evening
Children should practice their times tables up to 12x12 weekly

**English**
We have started this term looking at ‘stories raising issues and dilemmas’. We will also be reading and creating our own versions of ‘stories from other cultures’. Later on, we will be writing poetry as well as information texts linked to our South America topic.

**Science**
The children will study living things and their habitats this term, tying in with our topic on South America and the Amazon Rainforest.

**Geography**
South America will be the basis of much of our work this term across the curriculum. The children will discover facts about the different countries as well as learning about the human and physical features of the continent, using the internet and books as sources of information. We also hope to do some cookery based on this topic. Please support and encourage your children in their discoveries.

**Religion**
The units for this term look at belonging and identity as well as Jesus and his early life and teaching.

**Computing**
Computing sessions will be linked to our topic of South America, as well as our English units. We will also be looking at using the internet safely and efficiently. Some homework will also include use of computers such as Mathletics and research-based projects.

**Maths**
To start the term we will be consolidating and adding to our knowledge of place value. We will also be focusing on addition and subtraction, taking on more challenging calculations, before moving onto multiplication and division.

**French**
Madame Sharkey will continue building on the children’s vocabulary, focusing on numbers, colours, things in the classroom, as well as parts of the body.

**PE**
Over the term, the children will take part in a variety of different sports, including hockey, basketball, tag rugby and gymnastics. There will be swimming on Thursday mornings for children who are continuing to work towards 25m.

**Art**
Our artwork will be inspired by the Amazon Rainforest. We will look at the work of Henri Rousseau, a French artist and will aim to replicate elements of his style in our work.

**PSHE**
Our topics within this subject are agreeing and following rules within the context of our Rights Respecting School status, anti-bullying and respecting others.

**Music**
The children will be taught flute by a specialist teacher from Merton Music Foundation over the course of the year.