10th September 2019

Dear Parents

Year 4

General Reminders;
Children should have their P.E Kits in school, including a tracksuit, at all times.
Children should have a drawstring bag or a book bag as we have limited space in our cloakrooms!

Homework reminder
English and Maths homework will be set on DB Primary (we are no longer using My Maths) and completed in their homework books. This will be available on DB primary from Wednesday and must be completed by the following Wednesday. If homework is not completed by the set time, the children will have to do this during their break time.
To help children prepare for the national times tables tests in July, we would like them to use Times Tables Rockstars at home regularly. Every child has been provided with login details and we particularly recommend using the ‘sound check’ game as this is most similar to the timed test. We also recommend that children use the Spelling Shed website at home on a regular basis.

Reading reminder
Each classroom has reading racers charts to ensure the children read a range of genres. Your child is expected to read at least ten minutes every day with an adult. Children can earn reading rewards for completing a certain number of reads. Each time you hear your child read you must sign their Reading Record book. Mrs Beasley will count up the number of reads each Friday.

This term’s subject areas
Our main topic is Rainforests. We will also be learning about food chains, human impact and how to identify and classify trees and their leaves. In R.E we will be learning about Hinduism. We will also be learning about the artist Henri Rousseau. A more detailed overview of the term is available on the school website.

Visits
We will be visiting Colchester Zoo on Thursday 3rd October with a main focus on Rainforest animals. Please let us know if you are able to help on the visit.

Swimming
Mrs Clifton’s class will be swimming on a Thursday afternoon this term. Please make sure your child has a swimming costume, goggles, towel and swim hat with them. It may also be a good idea for earrings to be removed for that day. Please let us know if you are able to help. Miss Carpenter’s class will be swimming in the summer term.

Earrings and Hair accessories
The only jewellery permitted in school is simple stud earrings which the child should be able to remove themselves for swimming and PE.
The girls must wear their hair tied back at school and the hair bands/ bobbles, etc. must be either blue or black.

Miss Carpenter and Mrs Clifton