

Dear Year 4 children and parents

Welcome back. This half-term of Year 4 our topic is called 'Climate in Crisis'. The 'hook' to set things off is an exciting visit to Chester Zoo and our main focus will be the effect that human activity is having on our environment.

Dates for your diary

Chester Zoo Trip. **Wednesday February 26th.**

Parent Evenings **Monday 3rd and Thursday 6th March.**

Hadrian's Wall Residential Trip Information Evening **Monday 10th March. 5:30 p.m.**

Times Table Rock Stars Day. **Friday 21st March.**

Class Photographs. **Tuesday 25th March.**

Easter Disco. **Wednesday 9th April.**

School closes for the Easter holiday. **Friday 4th March.**

School reopens for Summer Term. **Monday 28th**

English

As this is an issue led topic, there is an opportunity for the children to engage in some persuasive writing. As usual, we will look at some examples of this type of writing and the sentence and word level features that it uses.

Having learnt about the damage done to the habitat of The Orang-U-Tan by palm oil production, the children will write a piece persuading consumers to only buy products containing sustainable palm.

Art / Design Technology

As part of the environmental protection theme, the children will be recycling textiles into a stuffed toy. To this end we would be grateful for donations of used clothing such as t-shirts and leggings that would usually go in the bin or to a charity shop.

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PE

Mrs Olphin will be alternating between circuit training and yoga sessions on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure you have your indoor PE kit with you on this day and your games kit on Thursday when the children will be outside with our sports' coaches.

Spanish

Using '*me gusta*' and '*no me gusta*' the children will give their opinions about *las asignaturas* (school subjects). They will learn to tell the time in Spanish and talk about their daily routine.

Mathematics

Having learnt how to use their multiplication facts to solve number operations, dividing and multiplying two and three digit numbers, our focus switches to fractions. Again, times tables will come in useful finding unitary and non-unitary fractions of amounts (e.g. 1/4 of 64 or 4/5 of 75).

On 21st March we will be asking the children to dress up as times table rock stars for a day of TTRS activities. We have been impressed at the number of children 'going green' as we head toward June's statutory MTC. Keep up the hard work using TTRS and Maths Whiz.

Science

Our Y4 National Curriculum unit is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. The children will revisit vertebrate classification before looking at other ways that animals and plants might be sorted. Our main focus however will be recognising how environments are changing and how these changes can pose dangers to living things; animal and human.

Computing

Learning how to use search engines safely and efficiently is the initial topic as we follow the PurpleMash scheme of work. Next the children will be using 2Animate to create an animated film addressing the themes in this term's topic.