

Class 4

The Bliss Charity School



Term 6



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to your child's final term in Class 4! For our new topic, Class 4 will be learning about all things eco as we become conservationists. Thinking global and acting local, pupils will learn about a range of important issues affecting planet Earth today.

Mrs. Sharp



Term 6 Topic: *We are Conservationists*



Our new topic began with lots of activities based around the story of *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward. Our classroom, which has been a vibrant rainforest for the last few weeks, will be green no more! Gradually, the plants and animals will disappear to be replaced by all the things no one wants. Can we make our classroom environment an attractive, lively and healthy place to be again?

In literacy, *The Tin Forest* story will be used to develop the pupils' understanding of how authors build characters and describe settings. We will use a range of drama conventions to engage with the text and inspire creative writing. Children will participate in discussions about what they have read to help them infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives and draw conclusions about underlying themes. Later in the term, children will move on to non-fiction writing, with the challenge of creating persuasive leaflets on a conservation topic of their choice.

In mathematics, pupils will be working in groups to carry out data handling investigations. These will be used to support their eco projects and conservation campaigns. Each group will decide what data needs to be collected, how they will present it and then interpret this information. Pupils will also be developing their problem-solving skills by tackling a range of multi-step problems involving shape, measurement and money.

In science, the topics of waste materials, pollution and the water cycle will be used to learn about solids, liquids and gases and changes of state. By the end of the unit, the pupils will know about the properties of solids, liquids and gases and understand processes, such as evaporation and condensation, and how these link to the water cycle. They will be challenged to re-use waste materials to create a 3D water cycle model.

In topic lessons, pupils will learn about different types of pollution and how it affects wildlife and the environment. A study of our local environment will give pupils the opportunity to appreciate the area in which they live – and the planet as a whole – and to discover how well it is being cared for. Is litter pollution a problem? If so, what can we do about it?

Art/DT will begin with the creation of our own *Tin Forest* to develop collage skills and explore the effects that can be created using different media and materials. Later in the term, after studying the impact of plastic waste both locally and globally, the pupils will learn the art of using recycled materials to create different art projects. In addition, we will be studying our local landscape and thinking about perspective.

The conservation theme running throughout the term provides great ICT opportunities. By looking at global issues, the children will develop their understanding of computer networks, including the internet and the World Wide Web, and the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration. Pupils will use ICT to collect and present scientific and mathematical data and also to gather facts for their persuasive leaflets. Considering the reliability of the information they find will be an important focus.

Class 4 will also be busy developing their ICT skills this term as they use green-screening to record their performance poems and presentation apps to produce their magazine articles.

Other subjects ...

Music – We will be continuing with our ukulele lessons and hope to welcome parents in to see an end of unit showcase.

PE – This term Class 4 will be focusing on cricket skills as we welcome 'A Chance to Shine' cricket into school.

Helping your child at home ...

Please keep up the super reading at home. We would love to see even more reading certificates this term. Children should be reading to an adult five times per week at home. Reading journals should be handed in every Tuesday as normal.

Pupils should practise their spellings regularly at home. It has been great to see children's scores improving, so keep up the great work at home Class 4!

Homework will continue to be sent home weekly. This will include a range of mathematical, literacy and topic-based tasks.

Pupils are expected to practise their times-tables regularly. Children's recall of multiplication facts has improved considerably – keep up the good work! By the end of Year 4, children are expected to be able to recall and use multiplication and division facts up to 12x12. This will continue to be a focus in class and we appreciate your support with this at home too.

Class 4 information ...

The Poetry Jam – This will be held in school for classes on **Monday 20th June**. Letters have been sent home with further details.

Twycross Zoo Trip - Class 4 will be visiting Twycross Zoo on **Wednesday 13th July**. Please see the separate letter that was sent home for more information about the trip.