

Year 4 Newsletter

Learning Challenge: Why is Amazonia so Precious?

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we embark on the next half term and another topic we would really like to focus on developing our growth mind set. We want to encourage children to love challenges, enjoy their effort and to embrace learning from their mistakes. As parents you have a tremendous influence on how your children learn and you can support them by giving them confidence to never give up, to try their hardest with their homework and to motivate them to take responsibility for their own learning. We have got so many exciting events planned, including our forthcoming Book day and our Science Week, so there are plenty of opportunities to get challenged and involved in. I am looking forward to discussing progress in learning during our Parents Evening!

It is the feast day of St Joseph on Tuesday 19th March. We will celebrate this with our 'International Evening' on Friday 22nd March.



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CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL
LEARNING TO LOVE, LOVING TO LEARN

Class Teacher: Mr McCarthy (Mrs Yohannes)
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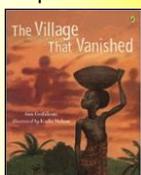
| Days to remember | Event |
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| Assembly | 2 nd April 9:10am |
| Class trip | 13 th March |
| Open school Learning Challenge event | 4 th April 3:30 pm |

Learning Challenge:

Precious Amazonia

In this learning challenge we will look at an area in Brazil known as Amazonia. We will investigate questions like "Where is Amazonia? What is it like? What is its weather and climate like? How is Amazonia connected to other places? How is it changing? How is Amazonia similar and different to our school locality? And what would it feel like to live in this part of the world?"

As scientists we will investigate the weather and climate of Amazonia. We will focus on the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and link the rate of evaporation with temperature. We will also construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying the produces, predators and prey living in the habitat of Amazonia. Our text linked to this topic will be 'The Village that Vanished'



Calendar

- February 25th INSET DAY
- 6th March – Ash Wednesday - Mass at St Thomas A Becket Church. At 9.30am.
- 27th February- NSPCC Parents E-Safety Workshop
- 1st March – Friendship Dance
- 12th March - Parents' Evening 2-7pm
- 7th March – World Book Day
- 11th-18th March – Science Week
- 15th March – Open School Science Week finale (School Hall)
- 18th March –Anti-Bullying/E-safety workshop for parents
- 19th March – Mass for the feast day of Saint Joseph
- 22nd March – International Evening
- 25th March – Year5 Royal Festival Hall
- 4th April – open school Learning Challenge event
- 5th April – Term ends at 2pm

Ways to support your child's learning at home

- Discuss with your child the things that they have learned each day.
- Ensure all homework is completed and handed in on time.
- Learn times tables and spellings. Children must develop instant recall!
- Encourage your child to read for at least 20 mins a day.
- Read and discuss together the "Wednesday Word" every week.
- Allow your child to use our online subscriptions: Reading Eggs/RM Maths/Purple Mash.

E-safety! - A better internet starts with you...

Talk regularly with your child about how they use technology, and find out what their digital life is like, including what their favourite sites and services are and also how being online makes them feel. Not sure where to begin?

It starts with a balanced approach - As parents it's natural to feel worried about the risks posed by your child being online, but for young people the online world is exciting and fun, as it brings so many opportunities for them. Connect with your child by asking them to share with you their favourite things to do online, as well as discussing the risks they might come across.

It starts with using the tools available to help you - There are lots of tools to help you manage the devices used by your family. For example, knowing how to activate and use parental controls can help protect your child from seeing inappropriate content online. For more support visit: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk>