



Wood End Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4 | Summer Term 1 | 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support for the children this term. It was wonderful seeing the children learning about Electricity, Buddhism and the Vikings as well as seeing them cooking and creating their own character descriptions

This term we look forward to exploring rainforests, examining important religious leaders, investigating measurement and time in Maths and exploring habitats in science. If you have any questions or need support, please contact your class teacher in the first instance and then a member of the senior leadership team if needed.

Themed days

We will be celebrating and discussing the following:

- Walk to school week
- St. George's Day
- World Maths Day
- Autism Awareness Day

We develop ourselves in many different ways – as scientists, geographers, historians, artists and technologists to name a few!

Below is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic.

English:

As writers, we will be

- Developing our range of spelling of Common Exception Words (examples provided)
- Forming the letters properly, using spacing between words that reflect the size of the letters and joining them up with greater speed and accuracy
- Checking our work for mistakes and correcting it and uplevelling
- Using dialogue to advance plot and character development.
- Understanding and creating written works in a script format

English: cont-

- Using coordinating and subordinating conjunctions
- Using the past tense correctly
- Using apostrophes accurately
- Using expanded noun phrases
- Using a range of fronted adverbials
- Remembering to use a capital letter for proper nouns

Mathematics:

- We will continue to work on the four operations + - x ÷
- Decimals
- Money
- Time (Digital and Analogue)
- We will begin looking at Geometry: Angles and 2D Shapes
- Children will be working towards their multiplication test (June 1st)

Science:

- Data Collection (Biology) Exploring plants, vertebrates and invertebrates in our local environment
- Exploring Habitats (Biology) Exploring and classifying animals and plants and the habitats they are found in
- Deforestation (Sustainability) Understanding deforestation and how it affects us globally and locally

Religious Education:

Exploring important figures across different religions.

Computing:

We will be completing our coding work and moving on to our 'Composing Beats' unit where we will explore pitch, rhythm and melody to create sound on Busy Beats software.

Geography:

- Know rainforests are located around the Equator and in between the tropics.
- Name and locate on a map the countries where rainforests are found.
- Know the climate in rainforests is tropical with warm temperatures and rain falling all year round.
- Know what the physical features of the rainforest are and how they are crucial to the survival of plants and animals that live there.
- Know how humans around the world rely on the rainforests.
- Know what deforestation is and how it is caused.
- Know the impact of deforestation on the environment.
- Predict what will happen if deforestation continues based on what they have found out.
- Explain how humans can help save rainforests.

Reading:

We will be developing reading with expression and being able to answer questions about the text.
IMPORTANT! Reading Records should be signed and brought to school every week. Signed daily.

PSHE Health and Well being

We are exploring relationships, how they develop through our lives and how we keep healthy relationships.

We will identify how to keep physically and mentally healthy with our lifestyle choices.

We continue developing mindful behaviour.

Physical Education:

We will be developing our reaction and response in floor work, working on our stance and learning ball games.

Poplar enjoyed developing their swimming skills last term. Sycamore are very excited to begin their lessons this term.

Art/DT/ Music

- In art we will be taking inspiration from Byzantine monuments
- We will be exploring structures and mechanisms
- In music we will examine western classical music and learn to play the ukulele

Useful websites to support learning in this topic

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/>