

# Year 4 Newsletter – Term 3

## Jacaranda



**Jacaranda:** Miss Emms (Mrs Hobby - Tuesdays am)  
Mrs Bolejko  
PE: Wednesday and Thursday  
Forest School: Not this term

## Tamarisk



**Tamarisk:** Mrs Bennett (Mrs Collins - Tuesdays and Wednesdays am)  
Mrs Martin  
PE: Thursday  
Forest school: Wednesday pm

## How do changes in our environment effect our choices?

### English

In class we will be using the text 'When the Giant Stirred' by Celia Bodkin. Throughout the unit, the children will be working towards writing their own narrative of the story in first person. They will practise using specific nouns to avoid repetition, using expanded noun phrases and prepositional phrases to add detail, punctuating direct speech correctly and fronted adverbials as ways to start sentences.



### Maths

This term, we will be looking at factor pairs, multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and then moving onto using a formal method to multiply and divide 2- and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number. We will explore vocabulary linked to multiplication and division in worded problems in order for the children to solve them. They will move onto measurement with the focus on length and perimeter.



### Geography

The topic for the term is natural disasters, and we will be looking at volcanoes and earthquakes. Children will learn about how these disasters occur and then explore how they effect the ways in which people use the land and the changes to the environment.

### PSHE

The theme is 'Keeping myself safe'. The children will work on identifying risks, hazards and dangers. They will make links with medicines and making choices to lead a healthy lifestyle.

### RE

The big question is 'What kind of a world did Jesus want?' Children will learn about the Gospels in the Bible and some of the stories and teachings of Jesus and what they can teach a Christian today. They will make links between the calling of the first disciples and how Christians today try to follow Jesus and be 'fishers of people'.



### Computing

Children will be learning programming skills. Using repetition and events in the programme, decomposition and debugging to make them run efficiently.

### Science

The theme for the term is 'States of Matter'. The children will learn about the different states: solid, liquids and gases. Using this, they will compare and group materials according to their state. They will also observe and investigate how heating and cooling can change the materials particles.

### PE

This term, the children will continue to learn skills linked to hockey and invasion games. The indoor PE is dance and creating movements in time to the beat.

### Music

Children will be working on choosing instruments and vocal sounds to create a particular effect. They will be composing a piece of music as a group to tell the story of a volcanic eruption.

### French

The children will learn about shapes and then make links back to previous learning of colours and numbers.

### Term 3 Christian Value Compassion

'Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.'

**Colossians 3:12**

Please make sure your child brings in their reading record and reading book **EVERYDAY**

They need a named drink bottle in school at all times!

Please make sure your child has a coat (named) as the weather is wet and cold.