



# Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 4

Term 3

2024- 2025



## The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)

Our theme this term is 'The Amazon Rainforest'. The children will be investigating what life is like in the Amazon Rainforest. They will have the opportunity to look at the layers, habitats, plant life, bird and animal species, the Amazon River and the indigenous people who live there. The children will also learn about deforestation, endangered animals, the importance of conservation and the human impact. The children will work in groups using the "Green Screen" app to take on the role of David Attenborough, sharing their research about their chosen rainforest creature.

First Holy Communion is almost upon, could I please ask you to ensure your child continues to practise their prayers and readings for their special day.

### **This term in:**

**Maths:** This term in Maths Mastery, the children will be developing an understanding of time, both analogue and digital. They will explore unit fractions (fractions with 1 as its numerator e.g.  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and non-unit fractions (fractions where the numerator is greater than 1 e.g.  $\frac{2}{4}$ ), develop and understanding of angles, identifying parallel and perpendicular lines, explore mass and capacity, problem solve as well as explore calculation strategies and place value.

**Literacy:** We will continue with report writing this term basing our reports on the 'Amazon Rainforest.' Included in our report writing will be investigating and note taking to inform our report on life in the rainforest, saving our rainforests and endangered animals. Non-fiction books and relevant websites will be used in our research. The children will have the opportunity to take on the role of "David Attenborough" as they share their facts about their chosen creature to their classmates. The children will develop their creative thinking through narrative writing based on an imaginative adventure in the rainforest. There will be a huge focus on handwriting this term, particularly looking at the formation and size of letters.

### **ICT:**

This term in ICT the children will get the opportunity to develop their knowledge of the "Green Screen" app. They will continue to develop their word processing skills, inserting a picture, and changing the font, colour, and underling their title. They will be changing font size, style and colour and will be taught how to use text boxes correctly.

### **What else is happening this term?**



**PE:** Tuesday: trainers should be brought to school on these days.

**School Trip:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – W5 "A Space Workshop".

**First Holy Communion:** On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 11 a.m., P.4 will celebrate this special occasion. This is a huge event in both our school and the parish, and we are all looking forward to it.

**Homework:** Please ensure your child continues to take time over their homework. Remember that learning homework is as important as written homework.

**PDMU:** We will continue with Take5 steps to wellbeing as well as learn about farm, water and sun safety.