



# Year 4 Newsletter

Copthorne Primary School

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## *Welcome back!*

We hope you all had a pleasant summer holiday. The new term has got off to a great start, and we would like to thank you all for making sure all children are wearing the correct uniform, and have come to school ready to learn. Can we also request that children have their Raving Readers books in school each day so we keep our reward charts up to day and get prizes out to them as soon as possible.

This term is going to be a busy one!

During our English lessons we are focusing our learning around "The Great Kapok Tree". We will be reading and analysing writing around this book set in the Amazon Rainforest, and using formal letters to write to the main protagonist. This will then inform our learning when empathising with the animals of the rainforest. We will continue to work on childrens' knowledge of spelling, punctuation and grammar by developing their understanding of how to use inverted commas to punctuate speech in their writing.

In Science, children will be learning about the characteristic properties of solids, liquids and gases, which is a fun and hands on topic for them to explore different materials and how their properties change at different temperatures.

During Maths lessons, children will start by revising times tables, so keep practising at home! We will be looking at number bonds, place value, multiplication and division facts and use and apply these to solve problems. We will be learning new written methods to solve addition and subtraction calculations and looking at measurements in a variety of formats. Give your children any opportunity to use their maths knowledge around the home and when out shopping.

In Music, children will be learning to play the ukulele.

In PE, children will be playing rugby and gymnastics.

### **Nuts about Brazil**



This term we will be starting our new topic about Brazil.

We will be learning how to locate Brazil and the surrounding countries of South America using Google Maps on the new iPads. Children will be learning about the culture of the country and the festivals which take place there. They will develop their understanding of human geography by learning about the favelas of Rio de Janeiro and the lives of the people who live there.

## *Reminders*

### *PE Times*

**4 Beech:** Thursday (outdoor PE). Tuesday (indoor PE),

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PE KIT!**

### **PE**

In PE, children will be playing gymnastics and mastering the skills and techniques involved. They will also be focusing on rugby in outdoor P.E.