

# Team Kusama

Dear parents and carers,

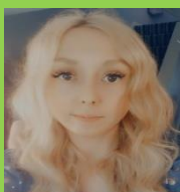
Our previous topic was 'How can we save our rivers and oceans?' Year 4 learned about the different layers of the ocean and the different parts of a river. We made our own rivers and labelled each part and learned about the water cycle. We used the VR kits of explore the ocean and used this experience to write a setting description, describing an underwater world. In computing, the children used the green screen to create an image of them underwater.



This half term, our topic is 'Are bugs important?' Team Kusama will be learning what features make an animal an insect, why insects are important to the planet and the stages of their life cycles. Year 4 will also learn the different parts of a flower and the process of pollination. In English, we will be writing newspaper articles about swarms of insects invading school and a letter to persuade people to start composting.



I am extremely proud of the children who are regularly reading at home and logging it onto **GoRead** so they can earn their team some reading gems! We are still aiming for all of the children to read daily so they can help their team win prizes, so please can you remind and encourage them to read at home regularly. **Spellings** will continue to be given out weekly, ready for the spelling test on **Wednesdays**. Times tables are still a major focus in Year 4 as the children are expected to know them all by the end of the year. Accessing **Times Tables Rockstars** at home will help with learning the times tables and also increase their recall speed.



Mrs Calladine



Mrs Bailey



Mrs Khaliq

Both **P.E** lessons will be in school this half term on Mondays and Wednesdays each week. Sensible shoes are required.

Thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions.

**Mrs Calladine, Mrs Bailey and Miss Khaliq**