



Year 4 Summer Term Curriculum Newsletter 2017

Welcome back to the summer term. Year 4 will be learning about many exciting topics this half term and we are very much looking forward to working with you again. We hope you find our newsletter helpful, it will give you some information about what the children will be learning, dates for your diary and some ways to help your child's learning.

English

Stories with issues are the focus of this half terms work, with Jacqueline Wilson's *Cliffhanger* and *The Suitcase Kid* being the main texts. The children will consider how the writers have conveyed information about their character through the use of inference. They will use this in their own work, writing a story and several haiku based on a range of issues that they have identified. The children will find out about Jacqueline Wilson, including using her website. They will write a blurb, tell a story in postcards and formulate questions. Also they will do further work on grammatical features, spelling work will cover further prefixes and suffixes. Spellings will be tested on a Friday.

Maths

We will be looking at place value, the four number operations (+ - x and \div), fractions, geometry, properties of shape (area and perimeter), measurement (volume and capacity, money), decimals and statistics. Regular practise of times tables at home really helps with the children's learning and we appreciate your help with this. Mental arithmetic tests will take place on a Tuesday and cracking time tables will continue to be tested every Friday.

Foundation Subjects

Our topic in science this term will be states of matter (solids, liquids and gases). In geography we are learning about regions in the UK and comparing them to the Chilterns using non-fiction books and computing for research.



In PE we will be developing athletics skills. We are also having swimming lessons every Tuesday.

Our art lessons will be about the study of Roman art. In computing our topic is '*We are authors*' and we will be looking at creating a wiki page about Jacqueline Wilson.



We are going to be continuing to learn about Judaism in RE. In our music lessons we will be continuing our drumming lessons on a Wednesday afternoon.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Class Assemblies

4H – Friday 16th June

4S – Friday 14th July

Woodrow

Woodrow Information Evening for Year 4 – Thursday 11th May at 6pm

Woodrow Residential Trip – Monday 3rd – 5th July

Sports Day - Wednesday 26th June – 1pm

Reserve date – Thursday 6th July

REMINDERS

PE: Children should keep their PE kits in school during term time. Black plimsolls are needed together with a t-shirt and shorts for PE and for outside games, trainers are needed together with a tracksuit or joggers and a sweatshirt. All items should be named to avoid loss.

Swimming: Please remember to bring all items listed on the swimming letter sent out last term, so far children have been fantastic with remembering everything. Please check kit every Tuesday am prior to arrival at school, as if any item is missing, a child cannot attend the session.

Hair: For health and safety reasons, hair longer than shoulder length should always be tied up with a plain royal or dark blue hairband.

Homework: Please support your child in completing their homework, and handing it in, on time. Homework is set on a Thursday and is due back by the following Tuesday, at the latest. For those children who prefer to get their homework completed promptly, there is a homework club in the IT suite on Thursday lunchtime.

Reading regularly and help with learning spellings and times tables has a significant impact on a child's learning and progress and we really appreciate your support in this.

Miss Hing and Mrs Shiraz
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