

Class 4 Summer 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents / Carers,

April 2024

We hope that you had a lovely Easter. It's hard to believe we're in the summer term already!

This half term, our geography focus will be on North America, in particular the USA, which also provides the backdrop for our English work on narrative based on James and the Giant Peach. In science, we will be learning about habitats, the diversity of life in different environments and classification. Knowledge organisers for geography and science are attached.

In computing, the children will develop their data handling skills while, in art, we will work on detailed drawing of insects and creating insect sculptures. In RE, we will learn about Mohammed, mosques and prayer. In music, the children will continue to practise basic chords on the ukulele and play as a class.

In maths, we will continue our work on decimals which will be applied in the context of different measures and shape. We will also have a final push on times tables ready for the statutory multiplication check which will take place early June. Please see attached parents' guide to explain the test and help you to support your child, mainly by encouraging plenty of practice! Hopefully, this will also contribute to another Battle of the Bands victory!

PE will take place on Thursday and Fridays and will cover athletics skills. Please could you provide appropriate PE kit in school at all times. This should be suitable for both outdoor and indoor activities and should include hair bobbles to tie back long hair.

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure your child brings a water bottle and sun hat to school. With regards to skin protection, it would be preferable for children to come to school wearing sun cream, as applying it themselves during the day can get messy! Thank you.

The homework grid provides opportunity to reinforce and extend our classroom learning. As previously, we look forward to receiving the children's work, ideally before the last week of the half term, to allow time to share and celebrate in class. Reading is an ongoing part of homework. Fluency is key to all learning and should also be a source of enjoyment, so any opportunities to practise at home are hugely valuable. Please keep supporting spelling practice, using the activities provided each week, as well as the games on Spelling Shed.

We really hope that your child enjoys this half term. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch. In the meantime, we look forward to welcoming you into school for parents' evenings next week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Class Four Team