

Year 4 - Class Newsletter

Summer 2018

Welcome back to a new school term. I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break.

This newsletter gives a brief overview of what we will be up to this term, but, as always, if there is anything else you need to know, just come in and ask.

Homework

I have attached the homework grid for this half term. Children have also each been provided with a folder containing any sheets they need to complete the homework for this half term. Homework books should be handed in **each Monday**, please.

Reading

We continue to read regularly in class in lessons and quiet reading time. It is important that children continue to read at home, as this supports them in developing a love of reading as well as supporting attainment in reading and writing.

In order to support your child with their reading, it is beneficial for an adult to continue to listen to them read aloud regularly and to discuss what they have been reading with them. I have attached some examples of the type of questions you could use with your child as you discuss the text they have been reading.

Spellings

Spellings will be sent home each Friday for children to learn and will be tested on the following Friday.

Mathletics and times tables

Tasks are set weekly on Mathletics for each child in order to develop and consolidate the maths we are learning in school. We ask that children access Mathletics regularly in order to work on these tasks.

In Year 4, children need to learn all their times tables (up to and including 12 x 12) by heart and be able to recall facts quickly and accurately. We practise times tables each week in school; however, in order for these to 'stick' it is very important that practise is continued regularly at home. Practise sessions do not need to be long or formal, a couple of minutes here and there whilst in the car or queueing in the supermarket is all it takes, but if done regularly this really pays off in helping your child to achieve this learning.

Please remember that your child also has access to TT Rockstars to help them practise their tables using on-line games.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are **Tuesday and Thursday**. Children should keep their P.E. kit in school at all times, just in case we have extra P.E. sessions or we have to change our day. Please ensure that your child's kit is clearly labelled and that they have shoes and clothing suitable for indoor and outdoor use.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will continue this term. The first session for Year 4 is on the afternoon of **Monday 23rd April**. Please make sure your child has appropriate footwear (boots or wellingtons), clothing such as jogging bottoms, and a long-sleeved T-shirt (to protect arms and legs from scratches) and waterproofs (in case of rain!). If we are lucky enough to finally have some sunshine, please also provide your child with sun protection (sun hat and sun cream). Please bear in mind that clothes worn for this session may get muddy!

Many thanks for all your support,

Mrs Fineran