

Year 4

Curriculum Newsletter – Summer Term 1



Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter holiday. We should see the weather warm up over this term and the days brighten. I hope to be able to take the children outside more throughout the summer months and learn in the fresh air.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me:
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The Curriculum

English

We will be looking at a new text this term called Max and the Millions. We will be developing our inference skills when reading and focusing on narratives when writing.

Maths

We will complete our unit of work on decimals before moving to look at fractions. This will recap work from Y2 and Y3 before moving on to look at improper fractions and mixed numbers.

Science

In Science we will be looking at the digestive system.

Computing

We will be developing a movie soundtrack using iMovie and Garageband.

Art

We will start to learn about Swiss artist Paul Klee and develop pieces of artwork inspired by his use of watercolours and geometric patterns.

History

Our topic this term will be based on the Maya and we will learn about Mayan civilisation. Children will be asked the following questions:

Culture – What were Mayan cities and architecture like?

Stories – Who are the Maya?

Legacies – What are the 'systems' used by the Maya?

Individuals – Who was Pakal the great?

Belief – What did the ancient Maya believe in?



French

The topic for this half term will be 'getting dressed', and Year 4 will begin by learning the vocabulary required: items of clothing. Using the classic French story of the wolf who has to be

dressed properly before he can eat you up, we will progress to forming sentences, and focus on a tricky grammar issue: the three words in French which mean, 'my'.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Children should come to school in their outdoor PE kit on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and will remain in it all day. Please check the school website if you require clarification of the correct PE kit.

Home Learning

Home Learning will consist of one set of optional English tasks, one set of optional Maths tasks and a set of ideas for our home learning gallery. This will be given out on Friday 19th April. Maths and English can be brought in at any time. Projects for the home learning gallery should be brought in time for the home learning gallery on **Friday 5th July 2024**

Book Exchange

All children have a school reading book. These will be changed on **Fridays**. I will send children with one book for the week. Please comment positively on your child's reading in the reading record at the end of each book or ask them to write their own comment in their reading diary.

Library

The children will visit the library on **Monday** and will be able to borrow one book per week.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. This will be sent home at the end of the day to be brought back in filled up for the next day.

Warm Weather

As the weather gets warmer, please send your child with a sun hat and sun cream that they can apply themselves. Please keep sending them with a waterproof coat for the intermittent weather.

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 17th April – Carnival Art Afternoon

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday - Carnival

Monday 20th May – Sports Day Practice

Wednesday 22nd May – Sports Day