

Year 4 Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another exciting term awaits us and we know the children are looking forward to all that the Summer Term has to offer. We have lots planned this half term including our guitar concert, sports competitions, World Music Day and not forgetting our trip to Birmingham Art Museum and Gallery!

We continue to look forward to working with you this term to ensure that your child achieves their personal best and God-given potential. Again, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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ENGLISH

For this term, children will be focusing on an explanation text about the Digestive System, poetry, The Iron Man (Ted Hughes) and The Iron Woman (Ted Hughes).

English

For this half term, teachers will continue to expect children to focus on and strive for excellent handwriting and spelling; with the aim to continue to have outstanding presentation in all their books across the curriculum. There will be plenty of writing opportunities through reading our class texts.

This term, we will be focusing on different styles of writing including: non-chronological reports, letter writing, diary entries, narrative description, recounts and persuasive writing. Additionally, children will be using grammar lessons to consolidate their learning from previous years and continue to ensure that they are secure in the topics looked at so far this year.

Guided Reading

Children will continue to build upon the VIPERS skill set in lessons using our Comprehension Crusher scheme, to create a deep understanding of the texts that we read.

Our focus is reading fluency, ensuring all children get the opportunity to read parts of the text to the class. This also supports them in answering comprehension questions and reading between the lines of a text to fully immerse themselves in the story or information.

MATHS

During Summer term, children will be focusing their learning on decimals, shape, direction, statistics and time. We will also be doing a unit on money so you can support them by asking them to work out what change you would need or how best to give change from a range of coins.

Multiplication

At the start of June, children will be sitting a National Multiplication Test, which will test children on their multiplication knowledge up to 12x tables. They only have 6 seconds per question and will have 25 questions to answer. Children have been practising hard in school completing daily practise and small group interventions to support their learning so that they feel ready and confident as they complete the test. We really do encourage you to remind them to use Times Table Rock Stars at home to cement and support their progress in this area.

RE

For this term, our units are: Easter (Unit I), Pentecost (Unit J), Sharing in the life of Christ (Unit K), Moses and King David (Unit F). In these units, children will explore and retell the story of Easter and discuss the many ways that we celebrate Easter and share in the life of Christ.

Children will be spending time taking it in turns to plan and lead classroom prayer and liturgy, learning new hymns and attending Mass (every third Wednesday) at Church. Parents are always welcome to celebrate school Mass with us.

Our virtues for this half term are Compassionate and Loving.



THEMATIC

This first half term we will be focusing on a geographical topic called "How can we record and measure weather phenomena?" With obvious links to the six main climate zones and the weather conditions in each. We will be receiving a visit from Severn Trent Water later on in the term to help us with this. In the second half-term in History, we will be learning 'What were the greatest achievements of the Shang Dynasty of ancient China?' In this unit, pupils will learn about the early humans who were hunter-gatherers in ancient China hundreds of thousands of years ago.

ART and D+T

This half term, we will be having a whole school focus art day all about clay sculptures! In this sculpture unit using clay, children will build on their knowledge and skills of sculpture and clay that they have studied through their previous work. Children will learn from great artists and begin to evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art. Children will produce their own creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences. They will begin to develop proficiency in sculpture techniques.

Computing

During the Summer term, we will be looking at effective searching and how to get the best from search engines. Exploring different hardware and gaining an understanding of the component parts of a computer and why they are needed. We will also be using our computer lessons to familiarise ourselves with the online multiplication check that will be happening during this Summer Term.

Spanish

This term, children will be continuing their Spanish language studies with language angels. Children will be recapping in the learning that they completed last year and introduced to learning about clothing, colours and different places we live.

SCIENCE

During this term, Year 4 will be concluding their learning on Living things vertebrates and plants as well as classifying and exploring environments changed by humans. Our second topic focuses on learning about States of Matter.

PE

Taught lessons this Summer will give children the opportunity to participate in Cricket activities and games. We will continue to build on children's learning by having an additional lesson of active maths and English where children can consolidate their learning outdoors with fun activities. Children must come into school wearing their PE kit.

Summer 1 Timetable

Wednesday and Friday

All children will be expected to wear a plain red t-shirt, black shorts and trainers.



Music

Throughout this year, children will continue to have weekly guitar lessons (Tuesday afternoon). They will begin to develop correct hand playing position, learn the notes of several strings and play using a variety playing skills. They will also learn how to read basic staff notation and notes on the treble clef. This will all culminate in our Summer concert.



Home

Homework is sent out every Friday on PurpleMash. Please make sure that this returned by the following Tuesday each week.

Reading

Due to the increased expectations as they start Year 4, children will be expected to read every night (Monday to Friday). This will be checked in the morning by an adult. Parents need to sign your child's reading diary, by writing the date, pages that they have read and a signature. Comments are needed for when they are due to change their books, so we can understand how they are getting on at home.

Multiplication Knowledge

By the end of Year 4 (in preparation for their multiplication test), all children will need to recall all of their times tables up to 12 with speed and accuracy. As a result of this, children will be encouraged to play Times table Rockstars twice a week.

Uniform

All children must have a school shirt and tie and must be wearing the correct school shoes. On PE days, children will be expected to come into school in their PE kits. This consists of: school jumper/cardigan, a red t shirt/polo, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

If there is anything you are unsure about, please do not hesitate to have a chat with us at 3.35pm.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another great year ahead!

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