

Year 4 Newsletter Summer 1

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. The children have returned to school with enthusiasm and we are looking forward to a busy half term!

History and Geography

Our new topic in History and Geography is 'The Local Area.' Children in Year 4 will be conducting a study of the local area, looking at how human and physical features have changed over time. They will make observations from maps and use a scale. As the topic moves forward, children will go on a Local Area walk to gather data which they will then present back in class.

Science

Our new science topic is called "Living things and their Environment". The children will be exploring the outdoor environment and seeing the impact that people have on it. We will find out different ways to identify and classify creatures using Venn Diagrams, Carroll Diagrams and then moving onto branching databases.

English

This half term the children will be looking at the book *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan. They will be writing emotive, fictional letters based on the characters in the book. We will be recapping expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials then introducing emotive language.

Maths

The Y4 Multiplication Tables Check, administered by the government, will be taken in June, so we are preparing the children for this online assessment. Thank you to everyone who is continuing to test their children on their times table facts and the telling of the time using the 24-hour clock. Other areas of maths will include rounding decimals, decimals in the world of money and converting 24-hour clock times. Each of these units will have a small assessment at the end.

P.E.

This term we will be learning to play cricket and practicing our skills in athletics. So please ensure that all children have their named P.E. kit with them all week. We will be using our school field most weeks and so the children will need suitable pumps or trainers to wear outside. They will not be able to participate fully in the lesson if they do not have an appropriate kit.

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery in P.E for safety reasons.

French

The children will be introduced to the vocabulary of zoo animals. Previous vocabulary will also be used, as writing in French sentences continues.

Art

In Art, children will be studying the sculptor, Barbara Hepworth. They will begin by focusing on her career as an artist, then they'll sketch and critique her sculptures. Eventually, they will plan their own sculpture inspired by Barbara Hepworth's work and make this.

As the weather becomes hotter and sunnier, please ensure your child is ready to be in the sun during lunch and breaks. They should bring a water bottle to school every day. Also, please label school jumpers and cardigans. When children take them off in school, they are easily becoming mixed up.

If you have any questions about the activities in Year 4, please ask your child's class teacher.

The Year 4 Team:

Teachers: Mrs Mallett and Miss Davison

Support staff: Ms Hughes and Mrs Sandhu