








Year 4 Newsletter

Summer 2017

Welcome back. I hope that you have had an enjoyable and restful Easter break. Once again we have an exciting term in front of us and I am sure that the children will thoroughly enjoy the topics. I hope you find the subject outlines useful and that you can support your child in any way that you feel able. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries. I will continue teaching the children Monday-Thursday and Mrs Mennie will teach the class on a Friday.

Mrs Yvonne Chumbley Class Teacher

English	Maths	Science
<p>During this term we will be sharing a range of texts including explanations, discussions, stories with a theme and also poetry. The children will continue to focus upon using noun phrases and expanded noun phrases alongside using the possessive apostrophe correctly. We will continue our daily Guided Reading sessions where we look for clues in the text and infer. Reading plays a large part in helping children become confident learners.</p>	<p>Year 4 will consolidate many concepts previously taught. We will be using our previous skills to help us solve a range of problems. We will be learning to explain our answers and methods. We will continue to have a big emphasis on using the standard methods. The children will continue to have a weekly times table test.</p>	<p>In science we will continue to learn about animals and their habitats by studying invertebrates. We will also learn about teeth, digestion and food chains. We will continue to develop our working scientifically skills through making observations and comparative testing.</p>
	History	Computing
	<p>During this term we will investigate the Anglo-Saxons. We will find out about their lives, beliefs and their impact on us today. We will spend time finding out about how we know about them through researching historical finds such as Sutton Hoo.</p>	

Art	Design and Technology	RE
<p>We will be focusing upon the work of Pablo Picasso. Children will explore the work he created in his different 'periods' and create some of their own.</p> 	<p>We will complete our textile rainforest animals. We will also develop our skills of food technology by creating a healthy pizza. Vegetable patties.</p>	<p>We will look at the importance of food in religious festivals and practices. We will also compare places of worship in the Christian, Hindu and Sikh faith.</p> 
PE	PHSE	French
<p>The children will experience summer sports such as tennis and rounders and also prepare for sports day. The children will have dance lessons each Thursday.</p>	<p>We will learn about how we can keep ourselves healthy and also about the dangers of alcohol and drugs.</p> <p>The values are: Hope, Honesty, Trust and Tolerance.</p>	<p>This term we will look at our school day in French and compare schools here with schools in France. We will learn how to describe what we wear to school and how to express opinions on the different school subjects.</p>
Class Rules	Trip Info	Music
<p>Ask questions. Never give up. Be respectful. Treat others kindly. Be responsible. Do your homework. Always do your best. Follow the school values.</p>	<p>We will visit Whipsnade Zoo for our end of year school trip which will provide children with the opportunity to see a wide variety of animals.</p>	<p>The children will continue with their violin lessons. The children will learn musical concepts, vocabulary and notation.</p> 
Parent Partnership		Homework
<p>During Year 4, I like to develop the children's independent skills so please encourage your child to pack their own bags for school and remember to complete and hand in their homework.</p> <p>If possible, please hear your child read at least three times a week and sign their reading record.</p> <p>Encourage your child to learn and revise their times tables – just 5 minutes a day will really help.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns – I am always here to help.</p>		<p>Homework will be set weekly.</p> <p>Week1: Maths and Spellings.</p> <p>Week 2: Reading and Grammar.</p> <p>In addition topic based work may be set.</p> <p>Homework will always be set on a Wednesday and due in the following Monday.</p> <p>A weekly times table test will take place on a Wednesday and children should be learning and revising their tables each week. It is essential that your child reads every night and completes their reading diary.</p> 