



April 2019

Dear parent/carer

We would like to welcome back all our pupils and their families after the Easter break; we hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

During this term, we will continue to have high expectations of our pupils. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school with the correct equipment in school for all lessons and that their Planner is used to record reading at home; daily reading makes a marked difference to children's progress and achievement. Further to the maths workshop at the end of the spring term, all children will be bringing home their maths pack which contains some multiplication cards. We would appreciate it, if you could spend five minutes a day with your children playing these cards. For those who were unable to attend the workshop, the PowerPoint and resources are available on the school website.

Below is an outline of Year 4 learning for the summer term.

English learning will be structured in units of works that cover story settings, stories with a theme, discursive texts and poetry (free verse and poetry appreciation).

Geography learning will be about investigating Coasts including:

- the formation of coastal features and how these are formed.
- how different rocks are affected by weathering, deposition and erosion.
- investigation of the dramatic effects of coastal erosion on the UK coastline.
- understanding the issues involved with coastal defence methods.

History learning will be learning about the growth and spread of the Roman Empire and the effect of its legacy on Britain. The topic will be brought to life with a Roman day in July.

Science learning will be about Living Things and Their Habitats, including:

- recognising that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways.
- exploring and using classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment.
- recognising that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.
- exploring the effects of human activity on natural and human assisted environments.
- working scientifically to use keys to classify living things, raising and answering questions based on their observations of animals and what they have found out from their research.

In **Art** we will be exploring and developing techniques using watercolour paint which will link to our History learning. **Design Technology** learning focuses in on cooking and nutrition; we will be growing and cooking seasonal herbs, fruit and vegetables. In **Music**, we will begin to develop recorder playing skills and will move onto singing skills with a unit called 'Lean on me'. All children must have a named recorder in school so they can take part in the music lessons. If you need financial assistance, please contact the school office. **French** conversation and the development of vocabulary will be using the themes of 'Clothes and Shopping' and 'Weather'. In **Computing** e-Safety continues to underpin all learning; work to develop computing skills will focus on Encryption and HTML Editing.



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Forthcoming Events

- A reminder that the Year 4 pupils will be undertaking their residential visit to Norfolk between 19 and 21 June. There will be an information evening for parents about this trip on Monday 3 June, 6.30pm.
- We look forward to Sports Day on Thursday 27 June (Friday 28 June reserve day). Further details will follow.
- You will receive your child's annual report in July and it will be followed by an opportunity to discuss this with the class teacher.

It has been a pleasure for staff to work with Year 4 pupils and we all look forward to a positive and successful summer term.

Yours sincerely

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