



Whaplode C of E Primary - Year 4 Newsletter

(June & July 2024 / Summer 2 - Term 6)

I hope you have all had a lovely half-term holiday despite the weather, which wasn't as sunny as I was wishing! Hopefully though, you are all rested and ready for our final action-packed weeks of Year 4!

This newsletter will give you a good idea of what is in store for the class in the next few weeks but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to me at the end of the day or arrange an appointment with the school office.

Thank you, Mrs Ackah

English

During this term, we will be looking at a poem by civil rights activist Maya Angelou called *Still I Rise* and trying to write a poem in a similar style about bullying. We will also be learning how to write a persuasive letter and composing a mystery story. Along the way we will be revisiting lots of the Year 4 grammar we have learnt this year to include it in our writing.

Mathematics

This term we will be learning about shapes, focussing on triangles and quadrilaterals. We will find out how to interpret statistics and cover graphs and coordinates. In readiness for our final assessments and in preparation for the move up to Y5, we will revisit many of our previous topics to consolidate our learning.

As always, please support your child to learn their times tables. Not only will this be invaluable in their daily maths lessons but will help them during the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) which they will be taking later this month.

PE

Children will continue to have two PE sessions each week: swimming on Tuesday afternoon and an athletics lesson with our sports coach on a Thursday, when children must attend in their PE kits.

Earrings MUST be removed before school.

French

We will be learning French words for types of homes and rooms and finding out how to ask someone where they live.

Important Information

Morning break snack should be either one piece of fruit, a box of raisins, a cereal bar, a piece of cheese, two plain biscuits **or** 20p for our fruit shop.

Homework will be sent home on a **Thursday** and must be in by the following **Wednesday**.

Children are expected to read at home a minimum of **4** times a week in line with school policy. Please ask your child questions as they read to aid their comprehension and remember to sign their reading diary each time. Spellings will be sent home on a **Wednesday** and tested on a **Monday**. Times tables will also be tested on a **Monday**.

Children will be swimming on **Tuesday** afternoon and should attend in PE kits on **Thursday** with earrings removed before school.

Science

This term, we are studying electricity. We will focus on safety and look at circuits, switches and find out about lightbulbs, which will complement our DT project later in the term.

RE

We will continue our learning about pilgrimage within religion. This will build on our previous study of pilgrimages to Jerusalem. We will look at Christian trips to Walsingham and the detrimental effect of Kumbh Mela on the River Ganges.

In **Geography**, we will be exploring Japan. We will be investigating its climate and physical features such as Mount Fuji and the effect of its proximity to tectonic plate boundaries.

In **Art**, we are studying needlework and embroidery. We will look at lacework on the Princess of Wales's wedding dress and the ornate embroidery on the late Queen's coronation dress, in addition to designing and stitching our own bookmark.

We are continuing to look at the Stuart period of British **History** including the English Civil War, the Restoration and the Great Fire of London.

In **DT**, we will be evaluating torches and making one of our own.

In **Computing**, we will find out how data handling can be used to present weather forecasts.

In **Music** this term, we will be appraising a number of varied compositions including *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba* by Handel and *Dancing Queen* by ABBA

In **PSHE**, we will be covering the *Changing Me* unit which prepares children for the changes in their body and emotions as they head towards puberty.

Don't forget to check out the school website and our class Twitter page @whaplode_4 for useful information and to see what we've been up to.