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Dear Families,



We hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break and would like to welcome you to the final term of Year 4. Although the children have only been back a few days, they have thrown themselves into our topics and learning journeys and have already produced some impressive pieces of work! This letter is to inform you of some things that are happening and where you can find extra information to support your children. This term is going to be jam-packed but we are confident that it will be FUN and the children will leave Year 4 on a high!

Curriculum

In English, we have begun by finishing off our 'Holes' learning journey before we start our new text, 'Varjak Paw.' Some of you have asked whether your children should read the text in advance. We discourage this as we find it is more enjoyable for the children when we read the text together. In Maths, we have begun a big topic on decimals and will have a final push on times tables to prepare for both the MTC and when the children move into Year 5 (please see below for more information about this.) Other highlights of the term include understanding the values and beliefs of Humanism in RE; learning about the Mediterranean Biome in Geography; designing and making our own pizzas in DT and drawing still life in art.



Important Dates:

- Year 4 Assembly: Thursday 7th May
- Class photographs: Monday 18th May.
- KS2 Sports Day: Friday 22nd May
- Half Term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th May
- Multiplication Tables Check: Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June.
- Open Classrooms: Wednesday 3rd June
 - Shine Show: Wednesday 3rd June
 - Year 4 trip to Horton Country Park: Tuesday 16th June
 - Creative Arts Week: w/c Monday 22nd June
 - Rainbow Hamper Mufti Day: Monday 22nd June
 - Moving up Morning: Tuesday 30th June
 - Parent Consultations: Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July
 - Grow Cook Enjoy Cooking Workshops: Wednesday 1st July
 - Bottle Mufti: Thursday 2nd July
 - Summer Fair: Saturday 4th July
 - Break up for Summer: Friday 17th July @ 1.30pm



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Homework reminders:

Homework is set each Friday on Google Classroom and with a printed copy. The children are expected to:

- Read at least 3 times a week (this can be independently or with an adult). Reading Diaries are checked on a Thursday.
- Complete a mental Maths task and prepare for a Times Table Test at the end of the week. **We cannot express enough how much this benefits the children in their day-to-day Maths lessons.**
- Complete a short spelling task each week and work on a short list of words tested every Thursday.
- Complete one activity linked to the current topics across the curriculum which should take them at least half an hour to complete. Written work will be due in on a Wednesday.



Polite Reminders:

Please can we remind you to double-check your child's PE kit to ensure this meets school policy and it is suitable for the weather. The correct uniform for PE in the summer is: dark blue shorts, white T-shirt (can be with or without school logo) or school house colour T-shirt and trainers or plimsolls. Our PE days this **half term** are: Mondays (indoor) and Wednesdays (outdoor). However, please be aware that our PE lessons may change due to hall availability and bad weather, therefore the children need their PE kits in school everyday. In addition, please ensure your children's pencil cases are replenished regularly so they have everything they need and are ready for the school day (particularly glue sticks and whiteboard pens!)



Times Tables

In Year 4, the National Curriculum states that children are taught to 'recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12×12 ' and this year the children have been working hard to learn their times tables. This term, the children will be taking part in the 'multiplication tables check' (MTC). The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics (particularly in Years 5 and 6!) The MTC will take place in school and is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times tables questions. Your child will answer 3 practice questions before moving on to the official check and will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. We will prepare for the test in school using a variety of methods, including regular use of Times Tables Rock Stars and MTC online apps. **At home, we would strongly recommend you support your children in practising on a device with a keyboard, as this really helps them when they do the test on the Chrome Books.** If you have any questions about this please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents> or speak to one of us.



We hope that this letter has covered key details, but if you have any other questions, please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Kirk, Mrs Williams and Miss Robins

