

What's happening in Class Four in summer 2024?

Dear Parents,

SATs is nearly upon us. Spelling, punctuation and grammar tests are on Monday 13th, reading on Tuesday 14th, arithmetic and reasoning paper 1 on Wednesday 15th and reasoning paper 2 on Thursday 16th.

We get to do super exciting things in the summer term: Enterprise, the Class 4 show, netball matches, year 6 tennis tournament, year 6 blessing and leavers assembly, sports day and the Year 6 party, just to name a few! The dates have been emailed to you, please see on Dojo or in your inbox.

In English lessons, we are working hard in the last few weeks to SATs by focusing on our reading skills. Through reading extracts, we are further developing our retrieval, inference, vocabulary and summary skills. In particular, we are looking at successfully answering 3 mark questions, which require finding a point and then using evidence from the text to justify it. In grammar, punctuation and spelling, we are continuing to master the statutory spelling words as well as covering the spelling curriculum: cial/tial, que/gue, tious/cious, ant/ent/ancy/ency endings in particular. In writing, we will be covering narrative, explanation, non-chronological and persuasive writing as well as focusing on speaking and listening.

In maths, we will be covering;

- finding percentages,
- interpreting and representing data on a range of graphs and charts (pie, line, bar, etc),
- knowing the relationships between the different units of measurement for length, mass and capacity,
- using four operations to solve calculations using fractions. Finding improper and mixed number equivalents.
- Securing formal written calculations over the four operations (+, -, x, ÷)
- Ratio and proportion

All of these will include problem solving in each area.

The science topic for this term is Earth and Space, where the children will learn about planets and their orbits as well as their movement relative to other satellites, planets and the sun. Next half term the children will be learning about Evolution and Inheritance by studying the work of Charles Darwin. They will learn about how characteristics are inherited from parents how evolution works over time. The children will also learn about how plants and animals adapt to their environment.

Class Four pupils will be learning rounders and athletics this half term and athletics and cricket next half term. **P.E. kit is to be worn to school every Monday and Thursday.** Please make sure that correct P.E. kit is worn on these days.

Music lessons will be focused on learning the songs for our show. We will also have some recorder lessons when we can fit them in!

In D.T. lessons, the children will be learning about cams, levers and linkages and apply this knowledge to make a toy.

Our Geography unit is focusing on reading OS maps. The children will learn about the symbols and how to use grid references to navigate. They will be out and about in the village and across the fields, navigating their way using a map.

To start the term, we will be finishing our Money Sense unit that we began at the end of last term. The children are learning about saving, spending, budgeting and ways to keep our money safe, especially from scammers. For Year 6

pupils, PSHE lessons this term are focusing on transition. They will be completing lessons where they will learn strategies for secondary school, such as making new friends, reading a timetable, packing their bags and being ready (with more independence). They will also complete a Risk Avert programme, where they learn how to deal with risks; this also includes more internet safety learning. We will be learning about puberty for year 5 pupils (how the body changes) and how babies are made and healthy relationships for year 6.

Dr Hill will continue to teach Class Four in French and R.E. on Thursday afternoon.

Homework will continue to go home on a Wednesday and is to be handed in by the following Monday.

Please ensure your child is reading at least 5 times a week and practising their spellings. To achieve the expected level in writing at the end of Year 6, children must be able to spell all the Year 5/6 statutory spelling words.

Thank you for your support in your child's learning.

Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Manning