

# Year Four Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of the current arrangements in Year Four.

## Physical Education

On Monday afternoon, the children participate in Physical Education (PE). Please remind your child to bring in their full Place Farm PE kit so that they can participate in PE. We are fortunate to have specialist PE teachers delivering PE and your child's full engagement makes a huge difference to their enjoyment in weekly sessions.

## Reading

Reading is a vital life skill. We expect your child to read at home as much as possible – at least three times a week. Please sign your child's planner to say they have read. We will be checking the children's planners regularly to check how much they are reading and to check any key messages that you may need to share.

## Homework

Homework will be distributed on a TUESDAY. Could we ask that it is brought back in on the following MONDAY please?

There is a statutory times-table check completed nationally in June. All Year Four children have to take this. Therefore, it is essential that your child knows all of their times-tables by this time (including related division facts). Please ensure you support your child in learning these by logging on to Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) weekly to practise a soundcheck and completing the weekly times-table homework. Further information will be sent out in due course.

## Curriculum

### English

Our English lessons are split into Reading and Writing.

In Reading, we are covering various reading skills using "The Queen's Nose" and "The Boy at the Back of the Class" as our class texts. In Writing, we are looking at various aspects of grammar, handwriting and spelling through adventure stories, poems and newspaper articles.

### Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on Place Value and four formal operations (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication).

### Science

Our science topic is 'Living things and their habitats'. In this topic, we will be learning about vertebrates and invertebrates, reproduction of flowering and non-flowering

plants and how living things interact with their habitat and environment (the ecosystem).

### **Project**

In Geography – we are studying Rivers. In our Rivers topic, we are looking at the main features of a river, our local river – the River Stour and other famous rivers – The Nile and The Amazon.

In History, we are looking at Ancient Greece. We will be studying the periods of time, their beliefs – looking at who the main 12 Gods/Goddesses were and the two main city-states.

In addition to this, we will be covering French, Computing, Art and Music.

We are very lucky to have a music specialist teacher who will be teaching your child to play the clarinet. The children will be allowed to bring these instruments home to practise in a few weeks' time. Please ensure your child takes care and brings them back for music lessons on a THURSDAY.

In 4LG, Miss MacPhail will teach on a Friday.

We are really looking forward to working with you and your child this year! If you would like to contact us, please do not hesitate to send us a message via Class Dojo.

Thank you for your continued support – it is very much appreciated.

With best wishes,

Mrs Gurney, Miss Mason & Miss MacPhail