



Year 4 Summer Term 2023 Information

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child/children back after the Easter Break.

Literacy

In the first half of summer term we will be reading and exploring the book 'Where the Forest Meets the Sea' by Jeannie Baker. Where the children will be creating their own information board. In the second half of summer term, we will be focusing on the book 'Blue John' by Berlie Doherty. At the end of this unit children will be writing their own explanation letter.

On Mondays, we have our whole class reading comprehension lesson where children will take part in whole class discussions, independent work and guided group work.

We will also continue with our school reading programme, 'Accelerated Reader.' Please remember children can access Accelerated Reader at home to access quizzes. We are happy to remind children of their logins, should this be necessary.

Spellings will continue to be stuck in your child's reading diary on a Monday for them to practise at home if they wish, ready for our weekly 'spelling quiz' the following Monday.

Reading books

The children are expected to manage changing their books as and when they finish a book and have taken an AR quiz. The year 4 teachers and teaching assistants do monitor the children's quiz results and ensure they are taking quizzes regularly. Please also encourage your child to read any books or magazines at home. It all counts towards their reading. Don't forget about Oxford Reading Owl too where the children can read e-books.

Reading diaries

We expect children to be reading at least 5 times a week at home. Please record the reading they are doing at home. Reading diaries will be looked at on a Monday, and house points given for the children who have read 5 times or more the previous week.

Maths

In Maths, each lesson will begin with a Power Up that is designed to give the children a quick reminder of past learning. We then move on to the main focus of that day's lesson. This term our units will be **Decimals, Money, Time, Statistics and Geometry**.

Please encourage your child to use **Times Tables Rockstars** to practise their multiplication and division facts. There will be a Department of Education test to check Y4 times table knowledge during this term. To inspire further interest and a joy for mathematics, we would

encourage the children to explore the nrich website (developed by the University of Cambridge, below) for fun games, activities and challenges.

<https://nrich.maths.org/primary>

Cornerstones

Our topic driver this term is Ancient Civilisations - This project teaches children about the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations: ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. Children will learn about the rise, life, achievements and eventual end of each civilisation. Our Art (Statues and Islamic art) and D&T (Tomb Builders) units also link to this project.

PSHE/Jigsaw

Our topics for this term are Relationships and Changing Me, which includes social and family relationships as well as sex and health education - further details to follow.

Outdoor Classroom

Outdoor classroom dates for summer term will be released in due course and further information sent out nearer the time.

Key reminders

Book Bags: Please send your child's book bag into school every day (with your child's Reading Record).

Clothing: Please ensure **all items are named**, including PE kit and shoes. The children should have **sunhats** every day please.

Water Bottles: Please ensure your child has a bottle of water (not juice) in the classroom for drinking throughout the day.

Packed Lunches: We have peanut allergies in school, so we ask that no children have nuts or nut based snacks/spreads in their lunchboxes. We are a healthy school and ask that children do not bring in chocolates or sweets for lunch.

School Dinners: These must be booked by Friday midnight for the following week. If your child does not eat enough school lunch, we will send a note home to inform you.

Medication: Please let us know if your child has to take any prescribed medication at school. There is a green form for you to fill in so that we can administer it. We can only give prescribed medication and the medication must have the prescription label on. It is important that you phone the school if your child is off sick. If you have a medical appointment, please let the office know.

Birthdays: If it is your child's birthday they can come to school in their home clothes. Please do not bring cake/sweets in for other children.

Toys: We ask that toys/valuables are not brought into school.

P.E kits: Please can your child come into school in their P.E kit on P.E days.

4GW/GA - Thursdays and Fridays

4SD - Thursdays and Fridays

Key dates for the Summer term

<u>Summer Term 2023</u>	
<u>Monday 17th April</u>	<u>Term begins for children</u>
<u>Monday 1st May</u>	<u>May Bank Holiday</u>
<u>29th May – 2nd June</u>	<u>Half Term (1 Week)</u>
<u>Tuesday 25th July</u>	<u>Term ends for children</u>

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Thank you for your support

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