

CLASS 4

SUMMER NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to the Summer Term, after what we hope was an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break. This Newsletter will provide information about what is happening in our class during this, the Summer term. Our theme is '**The Tudors**' and we will make exciting and relevant cross-curricular links with all subject areas. We will be finding out about King Henry VIII and his wives and we will research what life was like during this period. Using this research, we will write information texts, stories and diaries. We will also investigate the other Tudor monarchs and the importance of the Church during this period.



The children will continue to be taught as a whole class or in small groups with activities and tasks differentiated to meet their needs. As always, they will be encouraged to continue to work independently, leading their own research and learning.

Our Science topic this term is Animals and their Habitats. We will be finding out about animal classification and the habitats of each group. We will also investigate our impact on these habitats, and how it has meant some animals have become endangered, or even extinct.



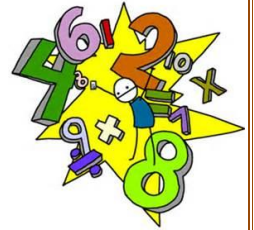
Art and DT will link to our themes and we will be painting portraits, creating collages and preparing and cooking food.

Music this term will be fun and interactive with the children using a variety of percussion instruments. MASC (Music Academy for Schools & Communities) will be joining our class on a fortnightly basis.



Reading is still extremely important in Years 4 and 5 and you play a vital role in this, so please encourage your child to read a wide variety of texts and question their understanding of it. Even the most able readers benefit from reading out loud, so try and make it a regular part of your routine.

Quick recall of times tables are vital, so please continue to practise these with your child. Expectations are that all pupils should know all their times tables (up to 12×12) by the end of Year 4.



In class, I will continue to be supported by Mrs Leitch, Miss Golding, Mrs Ducker and Mrs Blanchard. My PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time is on a Wednesday afternoon when the children will be taught Art by Mrs Addison and French by Mr Cutts. We are timetabled to have PE with sports specialist Coach Jeffrey on a Thursday afternoon. All children need a plain white Tshirt, black shorts and trainers for P.E.



Also, please remember to send your child with a water bottle which can be refilled from the water cooler during the school day. Hydration is vital to keep healthy and maintain concentration, especially during the summer months.

A Homework Grid will be sent home with a variety of weekly tasks on for your child to select from and complete. Please assist in helping your child meet these deadlines as it helps stand them in good stead for secondary school.



We are looking forward to an exciting, fun and challenging term. Please remember you are always welcome to come in and talk to us if you have any concerns, queries or just want to have a chat.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Shaw and the Class 4 team