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Year 4 Summer Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support during the spring term. We hope you had a fantastic Easter break and look forward to working with you again this term.

Topic Focus	Animals and their habitats
Subject	Main Learning Focus
English/Literacy	This term, we will studying different types of poetry, as well as writing our own poems containing similes and metaphors. We will also be learning about and creating our own biographies. In addition, we will be writing non- chronological reports linked to animals and their habitats. In our grammar lessons, we will continue to develop our understanding of fronted adverbials, we will learn about punctuating speech correctly and using apostrophes to mark possession for plural nouns.
Maths	This term, we will be developing our understanding of multiplying by 10 and 100. From this, the children will be exploring decimals looking at tenths and hundredths. The children will be expanding their understanding of time and money and applying their knowledge in a range of contexts. We will be finishing the year by deepening our understanding of statistics. In addition, we will be learning about the properties of shape, position and direction in our geometry lessons.
Science	Our topic for the first half term is grouping and classifying living things. Children will learn how to create classification keys to identify creatures found in our local environment. In the second half term, we will be learning about dangers to animals.
RE	In our RE lessons, children will be given the time to reflect on peace, what it means to them, why peace is important and what they can do to promote peace. In addition, they will be researching individuals who are famous for promoting peace.
Computing	During this term, the children will be looking at internet research, specifically how we can use key words to narrow our searches. Next half term, the children will be using I-movie to create a short clip linked to our learning in science.
PSHE	During this half term, children will be learning about their emotions and how to manage these. Next half term, our topic will be financial capability.
Art and DT	In Art, we will be exploring the artist Hannah Dale, she focusses her art on animals specifically the Lincolnshire countryside. From this we will be creating our own painting in her style linking to our habitats topic.
Geography	In Geography, we will be developing our fieldwork skills. We will learn about creating field sketches and how to record information about what a place is like and where it is located.
History	This term, the children will be exploring the Tudors. We will be learning about The Mary Rose, propaganda around Henry VIII and will be comparing and contrasting clothing between the Tudor period and modern day.
Music	As musicians we will practise metre change in music, moving from 3 beats in a bar, to 4 beats then 5 beats. We will work on performing a piece called Zubadoo. We will create our own sports day composition by using instruments to describe the events. We will think about layers of sound involved in a sports day event.
PE	This term children will be developing their running, throwing and jumping skills in our athletics lessons and will be developing their batting and fielding techniques in our cricket lessons. * If you have a particular skill or interest in cricket and would be interested in supporting our cricket lessons on a Tuesday afternoon, please get in touch with Mrs. Hammond. *
MFL	This term our focus during Spanish will be <i>Hobbies</i> and <i>Holidaying in Spain</i> , aspects will include, transport, weather, where to stay and what to wear. The children will have the chance to show something they have learnt to the other children in Lower Key Stage 2 at the end of year Expo de Español.
Visits	Local area visit linked with Geography fieldwork skills - Dates to be confirmed.

Important Dates

Tuesday 1 st May	Class photographs
Wednesday 2 nd May	4W Class Assembly – 9.15 a.m.
Monday 7 th May	May Bank Holiday- school closed.
Friday 18 th May	Interhouse tournaments PTA Meeting- 2.00 p.m. PTA Bingo- 3.30 p.m.
Wednesday 23 rd May	4M class assembly- 9.15 a.m.
28 th May- 1 st June	Half term
Wednesday 13 th June	Music Concert – 6.00 p.m.
Friday 15 th June	PTA Meeting- 2.00 p.m. Cake Friday- 3.00 p.m.
Tuesday 19 th June	Rev. Jason Assembly KS2
Friday 29 th June	Sports Day - afternoon
Friday 6 th July	Non Uniform Day
Saturday 7 th July	PTA Summer Fair
Thursday 12 th July	PTA Disco
Tuesday 17 th July	PTA Meeting- 7.30 p.m.
Friday 20 th July	Last Day of Term For Children
Monday 23 rd July	Professional Day (school closed)
Tuesday 24 th July	Professional Day (school closed)

PTA Summer Fair

This year, each year group will be responsible for a stall at the summer fair. The children will be invited to sign up to help on their stall if appropriate. We would also greatly appreciate any help from parents/carers to run the stall. If you are able to help, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Every year, the PTA collects prizes for the raffle from local companies. If you are able to offer a prize/you know of a company that would be willing to donate a prize, please contact a member of the PTA committee or your child's class teacher.

Homework

Homework club takes place every Monday - Thursday lunchtimes in the KS2 library. All children are welcome to attend this club. If you would like your child to be reminded to attend homework club, please send a message into your child's class teacher.

Learning Log

Children will be set an open ended task every two weeks (approximately). Children will be given the opportunity to share their learning with their friends in class.

We were really impressed with the quality of the homework that the children completed last year. It was lovely to see the different and creative ways that the children tackled the tasks.

Due in	Sent home
	Friday 20 th April
Wednesday 2 nd May	Friday 4 th May
Wednesday 16 th May	
Half term	
	Friday 8 th June
Wednesday 20 th June	Friday 22 nd June
Wednesday 11 th July	

Spellings

At the beginning of this term, we completed a spelling test of the second 40 words from the national curriculum word list for years 1/2 and years 3/4. Most children worked really hard to learn these words and made great progress. We will be sending the results of these tests home shortly along with the results from the third set of words. We will continue to spend time in class learning these words, but it would reinforce the children's understanding if they had the opportunity to work on these at home. We will repeat the spelling test at the end of the summer term and will send your child's results home (so you can see how much progress they have made ☺).

Times tables

By the end of year 4, it is expected that children will be able to recall multiplication facts and division facts for all times tables up to 12 x 12. To support their learning in class, we will continue to send times table homework home each week. If your child knows the times table that they have been given for the week, the aim will be to increase the speed and fluency that they can complete the tasks. Some weeks, children will be given times tables to learn and other weeks, they will be given times tables tests to check their progress and understanding.

P.E. days/kits

P.E. for year 4 will be on a Tuesday, but please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school every day as this allows us to be flexible and to embed these skills across the curriculum.

Inside P.E. - a white t-shirt, dark shorts, trainers or plimsolls

Outside P.E. - trainers, a white t-shirt and dark shorts. No jewellery except stud earrings and watches should be worn in school and **these must be removed for all P.E. activities.** Please encourage children to leave earrings at home on a Tuesday as some children find them very challenging to remove. Please ensure children have water bottles, sun hat and sun cream (if appropriate).

Parental Help

This year, we have been extremely lucky to have so much parental help and support. If you or a close family member are able to offer regular or occasional help this year, please speak to your child's class teacher. We are particularly looking for individuals that are happy to read on a 1:1 basis with children.

Reading

Children will be continuing to use Accelerated Reader (AR). This is an online system where children take quizzes on the books that they have read. Children will be given AR targets to try and meet. When they reach these targets, they will be given a certificate and can help their class to earn rewards. New targets will then be set again in the Spring Term. Children will be given plenty of opportunity to complete the quizzes at school, so they are asked not to complete them at home. Even though children may wish to increasingly read independently now that they are in Year 4, we do still encourage you to read with your child. Children can of course read books that are not on the AR system, but if you would like to check whether books you have at home are part of AR you can use the following website or search for Accelerated Reader Book Find UK.

<http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/UserType.aspx>

If you would like more information about the AR system, please contact Mrs. Hammond.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs. Sally Hammond and Miss Jessica Ross