

Year 4 Class Newsletter

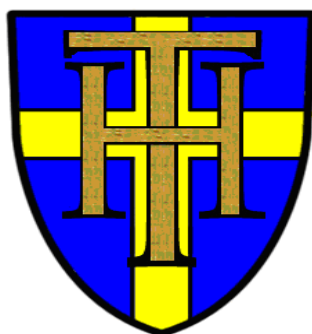


Summer Term
2018

Welcome Back

We hope you have enjoyed your Easter break. We have had a great start to the new term so far.

This newsletter contains useful information about what your child will be learning during the summer term.



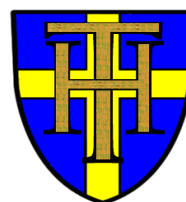
Important reminders

- Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly named.
- Any money sent into school must be in a labeled envelope.
- PE kit should be in school every day.
- Please listen to your child read as much as possible (at least 3 times a week otherwise your child will lose break time in order to catch up with their reading time.)

Maths and English

In maths we are continuing to look at fractions focusing on ordering and comparing them and identifying equivalent fractions. As the term progresses, we will focus on formal written methods for both multiplication and division. Times tables will be included into our everyday lessons as we continue learning these ever so important number facts. We have begun the time tables challenge that is popular with the year 5 children. The children have 5 minutes to answer as many of the 180 multiplications and division facts as they can. This will improve their fluency and recall.

In English, we have started the term by finishing our persuasive texts from before the Easter holidays that are focused on an activity leaflet. In the coming weeks we will move onto looking at play scripts. This will involve looking at the traditional story of Alice in Wonderland and comparing this to a modern play adaptation. Later on in the term we will focus on Bill's New Frock by Anne Fine. Lessons will focus on gender stereotypes and fictional writing where the central character faces a problem that needs to be resolved. Following this topic, we will explore both discussion writing and explanation texts, as the summer term progresses. Grammar lessons will be incorporated into our text types. We will also continue to learn the year 3 and 4 spelling words each week, we will focus on 10 of these words every week putting them into sentences to learn their definitions as well as how to spell them.



Our motto is:

Alta Pete – Aim High

"The primary aim of the school is to help each pupil reach his or her full potential so that they may develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge to take full advantage of the opportunities available in their future lives."

PE

PE will be taught on **Thursday** afternoons by a specialist PE teacher. The children will also enjoy a further PE lesson with Miss Rowden on a **Wednesday** afternoon. PE kits are required in school every day as the days may change due to special events. All PE kits must be named. We recommend trainers and navy jogging bottoms to be included in the PE kits as PE may take place outside.

Trips

As you are aware, we have our residential trip to Tolmers in June. We will leave school Wednesday 13th June and will return Friday 15th June. The children will enjoy a wide range of outdoor activities which will be confirmed closer to the time. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any further questions about this trip, Miss Rowden, Mrs Davey and Miss Chaloner are all happy to help.

Homework

Homework for this term will be another project for the children to complete over the course of this half term.

An accompanying letter will be sent home with the project explaining the expectations, along with the hand in date.

The children's standard of work along with their dedication and enthusiasm for our topics so far has been outstanding and I have enjoyed reading through them all!

Science

In science, the children are currently learning about sound and how sound is made. This topic will involve conducting investigations about how sound is made and how the pitch and volume of different sounds alter.

After half term, our focus will turn to habitats, investigating both local and far wide animal homes. This will include a trip to cedar's park to investigate habitats further.

RE

In RE, we have begun our new topic of Judaism. Our focus question for this term is 'What is the best way for a Jewish person to show commitment to God?' We will be exploring Judaism and answering our focus question as half term approaches.

After half term, we will focus on Christianity with our focus question being 'Do people need to go to church to show they are Christians?'

Topic

Our topic for this term is Ancient Maya which is a world history topic following the changes in the new National Curriculum. We will explore where this is, what the people were like and how they lived day to day. Gathering all of our historical knowledge from this year we will be able to compare Ancient Maya to Ancient Egypt and The Romans.

Our final topic for the year will be Habitats around the World.

**The Year 4 team –
Miss. Rowden and Mrs. Davey**

