

**Summer 1**



**Year 4**

## **Curriculum Newsletter**

The Summer term is an exciting time for everyone. We are in the final third of your child's time in Year 4! We are kicking off this half-term with STEAM workshops where the children will have a workshop on Music Technology led by music professionals on the first two days back after Easter. Each class will have a two-hour, interactive session. Last half-term, we were blown away with the incredible homework handed in; we saw some amazing models of Anglo-Saxon houses. Thank you to the adults at home for all of the support provided to ensure that homework is completed on time too! It is much appreciated. We also appreciate when you encourage your child to read at home and record this in their reading record. Reading records are checked every Monday. It was great to see such a huge turnout at Parents' Evening during the penultimate week of school.

### **The Curriculum**

#### English

In English, the children will be writing a narrative Based on the book: Arthur and The Golden Rope by Joe Todd Stanton. They will then learn how to write an explanation text about Digestion based on the book 'Gut Garden - A Journey into the Wonderful World of your Microbiome' by Katie Brosnan.

#### Maths

There are three main topics in Maths this half term. In decimals we will be looking at hundredths and how to partition decimal numbers. Money comes next with children calculating money and using their problem-solving skills. We finish the half term by studying time.

#### Reading

The class reader for this half-term is: The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo. During whole class reading, they will look at a variety of texts including: Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll, Into the Jungle by Katherine Rundell, Information texts based on deserts/rainforest linked to their Geography unit as well as looking at poetry by Roger McGough.

#### Other Curriculum Subjects

**Science:** Living things and habitats is the topic for Science. The children will be classifying different creatures and looking at different environments. We will also look at food chains.

**Geography:** Within Geography, children will be investigating 'Why are jungles so wet and deserts so dry?'

**R.E:** In RE we are studying: 'Why are there four Gospels and how are they relevant for Christians?'

**Computing:** This term we move on to spreadsheets. The children will be using 2 Calculate to create spreadsheets to represent and interpret data including using the line graph tool.

**Art:** During Art this half-term, the children will be completing a unit on Craft & Design: fabric of nature.

**Music:** We are using i-Pads to cover music technology, using Purple Mash.

**P.E:** This term we are covering tennis and athletics as well as OAA (outdoor adventure activities).

#### Staffing News!

We are delighted to share that Mr Salmon has been successful in his application to take over as Year Leader in Year 4 and will be commencing this role after Easter for the remainder of this academic year. Miss Roche will continue, as Assistant Headteacher, to oversee Year 3 and Year 4 and support the year leaders in their roles. As always, if you have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher as a first port of call, followed by the Year Leader, Mr Salmon as a second port of call. Mrs Smith, class teacher of 4CM, will now be teaching 4CM from Tuesday - Friday and Miss Roche will continue to teach them on a Monday only.



Please support your child with the learning of their times tables using TTRS or hit the button or writing them out on paper in preparation for their Multiplication Times Tables Check.

**Between 2<sup>nd</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> June the children will be completing their Multiplication Check online.** A reminder about the expectations for this is attached to this newsletter for you.

#### **Homework**

Please look at the Homework grid for the new homework. We look forward to celebrating the children's creative skills and hard work just before the end of term on the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> &**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:**

Year 4 STEAM workshops

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April:**

4BM swimming. Finishes on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May-** Bank Holiday

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May:** House Reward

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May:**

Year 4 Celebration of work

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:**

Merevalley Shop

Children come to school in their PE kits on their PE days which are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**.

Long hair should be tied back and any earrings should be studs or small hoops.

If your child has a **sports club** after school, they **must** come to school in their PE kit.

As the weather warms up, please remember to send children in with a water bottle and hat.