

Summer 2



Year 4

Curriculum Newsletter

Have a lovely break!

Although this was such a short half term, year 4 have accomplished so much. The year 4 staff wish you and your family a happy half term and we can't wait to see the children back on **Tuesday 3rd June**.

We have lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children next half term- **including our trip to St Albans Cathedral**. Please ensure that if you haven't made payment for the trip yet, that you do so as soon as possible. Without enough contributions, we may be forced to cancel.

As the weather is (hopefully) getting much warmer, please ensure your child comes to school wearing sun cream & brings a hat with them. Please can I also take this opportunity to remind you that even in the warmer weather, children are still expected to wear the correct school uniform- particularly on PE days. Children also need to be wearing plain black school shoes or trainers, except on PE days. **We do not allow children to wear sandals or jewellery.**

The Curriculum

English

This half term, year 4 will be writing a narrative based on 'Journey', an adventure narrative. Year 4 will also write a piece of poetry based on 'The River'.

Maths

In maths the children will be completing their work on shape, before moving on to interpreting bar charts, line graphs and pictograms (including drawing their own). After this, we will move on to position and direction where we will draw 2D shapes on a grid, describe translations and plot co-ordinates. We will then revisit number lines and the four operations.

Other Curriculum Subjects

Science: The children will be learning about States of Matter. As part of this, the children will learn about solids, liquids and gases and how different materials change state and the temperature it happens at.

DT: In DT, we will be recapping on simple circuits and switches with an end goal to design, make and evaluate an alarm.

History: This half term's topic within History is the Vicious Vikings. Within this topic, children will be continuing their historical research and thinking. They will be developing their source work and using these sources to gain details of the past.

R.E: We are studying Sikhism and will be looking at the following enquiry question: Does joining the Khalsa make someone a better Sikh?

Computing: The children will be exploring how they can manipulate fonts and layouts to appeal to different audiences and for different text types.

Music: The children will be learning to play and perform a variety of songs linked to environments. They will also be learning how to sing with emotion.

P.E: This half term we will be covering cricket and athletics, as well as preparing for our upcoming Sports Day at the end of June (weather permitting!)

PSHE: This half term we will be looking at how and why our bodies change as we get older and who we can speak to if we have any worries or concerns about this.

Spanish: Year 4 will be learning about different Spanish celebrations.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 3rd June- Friday 13th June- Year 4 Times Table Check

Thursday 19th June- St Albans Cathedral (4LS & 4GB)

Friday 27th June- St Albans Cathedral (4CM & 4BM)

Monday 30th June -Transition Day

Friday 4th July- Sports Day (more details to follow shortly)

Wednesday 23rd July- Last day of term

Reading

Please take the time to hear your child read 5 times a week and record this in the reading record book. When your child is independently reading, they are also expected to record this in their reading record book.

Reading books & record books must be in school every day.

Year 4 Homework

Please take a look at the Homework grid for next half term. We look forward to celebrating the children's creative skills and hard work just before the end of term. Our year 4 staff and wider school community have been impressed with all of their efforts with homework throughout this academic year. We are so proud of them.

Things to Remember!

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Between 3rd-13th June, the children will be completing their Multiplication Check online. Please remember that there is no official pass mark for this test and that you will be provided with your child's results as part of their annual report, which will be coming home in July.

PE

Children come to school in their PE kits on their PE day which is **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 on this day.