

Year 4 Newsletter 19th April 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all managed to have a great Easter and enjoyed some of the nice weather.

It seems like ages ago now that the children went on their school trip and I have added a few pictures for you to see on the end of this newsletter. The children behaved really well, especially as it was quite a long journey due to road closures and there was also a fair amount of walking to be done on the day. Luckily, the weather held out for the majority of the trip.

This week in maths, the children were beginning to learn how to convert hundredths into decimals and partition hundredths into tenths and hundredths. In T6 (at the beginning) the children will complete the government set multiplication check. Further details about this will be sent to you soon. Plenty of practice will be completed prior to the test in June during computing sessions.

In English, the children began to look at the Rudyard Kipling version of 'Jungle Book' and thought about an animal that they could introduce to the story. In the next couple of weeks, the children will be writing a fact file about their chosen animal and will need to complete a little bit of research at home. Could they make some notes to bring into school (if possible) by the middle of next week? We do find that if they don't do a little bit of research at home, their fact files can be a bit limited in information.

In music this week, the children began to learn what an ocarina is and what family of instruments it comes from. As the term progresses, the children will be learning to read some basic musical notes and begin to play some simple tunes on their Ocarina. They will keep the same one for the whole term to avoid germs being passed around and we do sterilize them regularly.

PE this term will be outdoors as often as the weather permits and the children will be completing some athletics and cricket. Usually we focus on cricket this term and athletics next term, but we have Adrian from 'Chance to Shine' coming in term 6 to teach the children some amazing cricket skills. This is fully funded by Kent Cricket and Adrian always loves coming to teach the children in our school.

Before the end of term, I mentioned to the children that we would have our own 'Whacky Places' reading competition. The children are encouraged to read in a variety of places and have their picture taken to send into school for our display. Maybe they like to read in a den with a torch, or maybe whilst skipping? We are trying to encourage the children to see reading as a fun activity and to understand that maybe if they aren't enjoying their reading session, then maybe they don't have the right book and to try another one.

Next week on Wednesday, the children will be going out for Woodland Learning in the morning. Please ensure their arms and legs are covered as there are plenty of mosquitos in the woods.

This term, beginning next week, the children will be having some RSE sessions that focus on how their bodies may change as they go through puberty. We do touch on emotions and hormones, which is very appropriate for children in Year 4. It seems to be the year where the children find it hard to explain their emotions and hormones definitely begin to kick in. I am sure you will be noticing this at home!

At the end of this term, I will be hitting a fairly big milestone and would like to celebrate this with the children for their termly (reward chart earned) treat. I will provide a picnic for the children and we will play some party games. If there is anything your child cannot eat, please let me know. It will be sandwiches, pizza, crisps and cakes. They are still fine to bring their own lunch in on this day should they wish to.

Thanks,

Mrs Ward and Mrs Phillips

Spellings:

Would, hear, night, could, here, father, should, where, mother, because, were, beautiful, said, people, water, friend, knight, children.

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Would, could, should, where, were, said, people.

