



Year 4 Newsletter 2019

Summer 2

This half term.....

Topic: Our topic this half term is **Blue Abyss**, which is an art topic with links to Science and Geography. We will build on our learning from the aquarium visit by studying water-based ecosystems and explore the effect of pollution on sea life. Children will also do some water-colour painting of coastal scenes.

English: The children will be writing instruction texts about desert island survival and completing some descriptive writing based on a piece of art work called 'The Gulf Stream'. In reading, children will study some sea-based poems, as well as newspaper articles about oil and plastic pollution.

Maths: This half term will be mostly consolidation of areas of the curriculum in which children need a bit more practice. In particular they will need to apply their knowledge to word problems and reasoning tasks.



Dates

- Monday 3rd June – back to school
- Thursday 13th June - Quad Kid Athletics Y3/4 (16 pupils total)
- Tuesday 2nd July – Summer fair (3:30pm start)
- WC Monday 8th July – reports out to parents
- Monday 8th – Friday 12th July – Sports week
- Tuesday 9th July – Sponsored sports event (1:30pm start)
- Thursday 11th July – Sports day (1:30pm start)
- Wednesday 17th July – Open afternoon (from 1:30pm)
- Friday 19th July – break up for summer holiday
- Tuesday 3rd September- – Back to school

Useful reminders

Homework

We will give children homework every **Thursday** and they need to return it by **Tuesday**. There is also a choice of Project Homework. If your child has a sibling in school and they contribute to their homework this is counted as one piece.

Reading at home

Children are expected to read at home at least 4 times per week. Please sign your child's record / planner each time your child reads at home. Children will receive a free book of their choice when they reach termly milestones! Children are expected to reach 150 reads by summer if they have been with us since September.

Packed lunches

Packed lunches should be well balanced with a mixture of savoury and sweet. Packets of sweets or fizzy drinks should not be included as part of a packed lunch. As we have a number of children with peanut allergies no packed lunches should contain nuts, peanut butter sandwiches or Nutella sandwiches.

Bikes and scooters

For health and safety reasons while inside the school site please can children push scooters and bikes.

School uniform

Please ensure your child wears: black school shoes; white polo shirt; royal blue jumper or cardigan; black/grey school trouser/shirt/pinafore; hair accessories – school colours; no nail varnish or make-up.

Star of the Week

A reminder that your child can only be eligible for Star of the Week if they read 4 times in a week at home, follow the golden rules, wear correct uniform, have full attendance for the week and have no late marks.

Other information

- PE will continue on a Monday but, if the weather is nice, there may be an opportunity to make up for lost sessions last half term. Therefore, we advise that children have their kit in school every day.
- Year four will be trialling a national times tables check this half-term (this will become statutory next year) Lots of tables practice at home is essential!