**Class 4 Foxes**



 

 **Newsletter**

 **Summer 1**

Hello and welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Easter. We are now heading into our Summer 1 term so fingers crossed for some warmer weather!

At the beginning of each term, I will upload the new term documents to the class page on the website, these will include everything that you and your child need to know ready for the upcoming term including:

* Medium term plan which says what we will be covering in each subject
* Newsletter with important dates for the term
* Weekly spellings for the term
* Knowledge Organisers for Topic, science, and Computing. These have useful facts and vocabulary on them to help support the children’s learning throughout the term.

**Topics we will be learning in Summer!**

During our Summer 1 term, we are going to be learning about Africa.

Children will be exploring the amazing continent of Africa. Exploring each of the five regions, children will start to get an understanding of just how diverse the continent of Africa is and find out about the human and physical geography of a number of African countries.

During science this term children are going to learn about Forces. This ‘Forces’ unit will teach about types of forces such as gravity, friction, water resistance and air resistance. Children will also learn about the use of mechanisms such as levers, gears and pulleys. The children will identify forces and find out about Isaac Newton and his discoveries about gravity. Finally, they will find out about different mechanisms, including levers, gears and pulleys, and will design their own marvellous machine

For the topics children will be covering in all other subjects please make sure to have a look at the **Medium-Term Plan which is on our class page on the school website.**

**PE and Swimming in Class 4**

Class 4 have now finished swimming and will not be going swimming during our summer term. Instead we will be having our usual PE lesson with AVSP on a Tuesday and a second PE lesson on a Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Wareham is going to be taking Class 3 swimming this term therefore Class 4 will be taught by Mrs Williams on a Wednesday afternoon.

**Please can children come to school in their PE kit on a Tuesday and Wednesday this term.**

**Reading expectation in school and at home**

In school children will be part of a guided reading group and will also have the opportunity to read individually to an adult at school. They will be expected to read at least 3 times a week at home, but **5 times is the ideal**. It does not always have to be their reading book, it may be a book of their own choice, a comic or even a newspaper. **It would be helpful if reading at home was recorded in their reading record by either the child an adult.**

Reading in KS2 is not just about fluency it is also about comprehension and understanding of the text, reading comprehension is something that we will be focussing on a lot this term in Class 4. Children who impress an adult in their daily guided reading sessions will receive a raffle ticket that goes into a termly raffle for the chance to win a book token at the end of each half term!

**Please can children remember to bring their reading packets into school every day. Towards the end of last term we had lots of children who were forgetting their reading packets which meant that any reading that was done in school was unable to be recorded and any important information such as dates and homework is also missed.**

**Every Friday** I will check the reading children have done at home, any parent notes that have been written in there and I will also write down their homework, spelling rule and times table for the following week.

**Homework in Class 4**

There is a continued expectation that your child logs onto **TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed at home**.

Homework this term will continue to be set using the platforms **SumDog or Spelling Shed.** Sumdog is an online maths programme linking to the work we are doing in our maths lessons and Spelling shed links to the children’s weekly spellings. Homework will not be set every week but when it is I will write it in your child’s reading record and also send out a text. If your child has struggled with the homework for that week, I will hold an intervention session during assembly one day to go through it with them.

**Every Friday I check which children have logged on and completed their homework, if homework is continuously not completed conversations with parents will be had to see how we can best support your child going forward**.

**Pencil Cases**

Pencil cases are still allowed to be brought into school, however like the Spring term I am going to ask that they stay in bags unless it is busy time, golden time or wet break time.

**Last term we had lots of children bringing in small toys, figurines and fidget toys and these were causing lots of disruption during our lessons. Can I please remind children that toys, figurines and games are not to be brought into school as there is a chance these will get lost/damaged.**

In regards to fidget toys these are only to be brought into school if a discussion has been had with myself and agreed that these will be beneficial towards your child’s concentration/learning.

**Other useful information**

* If possible, could all uniform and water bottles please be **labelled!** Children will keep their jumpers on their pegs if they take them off and their water bottles will stay on their desks throughout the day. However, making sure everything is labelled just ensures no mix ups at home time!
* Mrs Pepper will teach the children for my PPA on a Thursday afternoon.
* Mrs Pepper will be helping out in Class 4 every morning
* Mrs Williams will be teaching Class 4 every Wednesday afternoon whilst I take Class 3 swimming.
* **Every Friday** children will have a weekly spelling test and TT Rockstars test. Children have been given their weekly spellings for the term and the times table they need to practice for TT Rockstars is on the math’s section of the medium-term plan. I will send a text message home every Friday letting you know your child’s spelling score.

 **Diary Dates**

**Please go onto the school website and look at the whole school newsletter or calendar for any important dates this term. You can find both of these under the parents tab. If there are any important dates relating to our class, I will also add these to our newsletter.**

If you have any questions regarding anything discussed in this newsletter, please feel free to drop me an email.

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I will respond to your query as soon as possible. However, I am teaching on arrival at school and throughout the day. If you email after 6pm, the message may not be seen until the next day. Therefore, if you need an urgent response, please phone the school office on 01773 832890

Best wishes

Miss Wareham