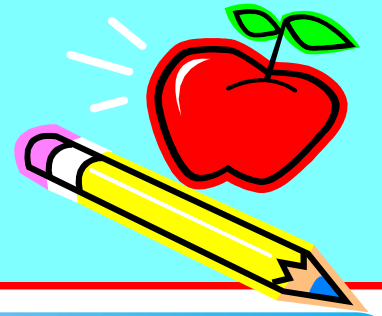


Year 4 Newsletter

Summer Term 2019



Welcome back!

We hope you all had a relaxing and happy Easter and are looking forward to the exciting and packed summer term!

Here is some information to help you support your child in school this term.

English

During English this term, we will be continuing to work using our 'Talk for Writing' approach. We will begin the summer term with a fiction unit based on The Legend of Podkin One Ear. We will continue our daily practice of handwriting, and in particular joining, supported by the Kinetic Letters program. As before, each Wednesday a list of ten spellings will be sent home for children to learn for the following week. Any support you can give at home with learning spellings is much appreciated.

Reading

Please continue to support and encourage your child to read on a daily basis at home. This can be done by your child reading independently or could include your input in questioning around the book, including character's feelings, overviews of chapters/the text and their opinion around the text. Please ensure your child fills in their reading log which should then be signed by a parent/guardian in order for us to keep track of children's home reading.

Maths

Maths will include developing mental strategies as well as skills in the following areas:

- Decimals
- Measurement (money and time)
- Statistics
- Geometry

We will also spend time each week practicing multiplication facts in preparation for the 'Multiplication and Division Clubs' system we have in school. Children will continue where they left off in the summer term and will have their tables test on a Monday morning. Please ensure your child is practicing daily - little and often works best! This year, we are also participating in the Department for Education's pilot of the Multiplication Tables Check Test. This check will be a statutory requirement from June 2020. The Ridge Primary School have opted to complete the check from June 2019, meaning that the current Year 4's will be assessed.

Topic

This term our topic is The Tudors. During this topic, children will learn about the War of the Roses, the life of Henry VIII and his six wives and the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. Children will also learn about Tudor clothing, food and the life and work of William Shakespeare. We also have a very exciting trip to Selly Manor on Friday 7th June.

In **art** we will be creating watercolour portraits. We had our family learning day on Amazing Art Day (Friday 3rd May) It was wonderful that so many parents/carers were able to join us. Thank you for your support with this.

This term, **D&T** will involve children creating series and parallel circuits, linked to our science topic.

Music will continue to be taught by a specialist music teacher from Dudley Performing Arts on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure regular practice is taking place at home throughout the week and that children bring in their instruments every Tuesday.

In **science**, we will be exploring sound. This will involve learning about vibrations and how sounds travel to our ears. After half term, we will be studying electricity. We will explore materials to find out whether they are conductive or non-conductive and will also make our own circuits.

During **French** lessons, children will continue to develop vocabulary and phrases through conversation, drama and role-play, focusing this term on knowing the names of different countries, locations and towns.

PE will continue to take place on Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure that PE kits are in school, with pumps and (if possible) trainers, as children will be taking part in tennis practice outdoors. Children may also bring tracksuit bottoms if they wish. Please ensure earrings are removed on Wednesday's in order for your child to take part in PE lessons.

There will also be opportunities for the children to take part in exciting sporting competitions this term., starting with a tennis competition.



In **RE** we will be focusing on places of worship and looking at key religious figures such as St Francis of Assisi.

Understanding our feelings and how to deal with them is a very important part of growing up. We will share ideas about this through discussion and activities during **PSHE**.

During **Computing** this term, children will continue their work on programming. They will learn more about algorithms, conditional logic and computational thinking, whilst also learning how to stay safe online.

Home Learning remains the same as last term, with children expected to practice their multiplication tables and division facts each day, use 'DoodleMaths' and 'Doodle Tables' regularly, and read at least three times a week. Children also have their list of ten spellings each week to learn. The children will benefit most when home and school work together, so please support your children in making the most of their learning.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any problems or concerns. I am available most days after school or can be contacted via email at scarrington@ridge.dudley.sch.uk

I will do my best to help, and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Carrington

