

Dear Class 4 Parents,

Monday 9th May 2022

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. I am hoping the warm sunshine is a sign of better things to come. I am very much looking forward to having an exciting summer term with the class; enjoying our new topic 'It's a Bug's Life!'

This term, the children will be learning how to compare two different countries, Greece and the UK. The class will be learning how the physical and geographical features of these countries are important and have an impact on the habitats, insects and animals which live there. Alongside our topic work, the class will also be learning about the impact of Ancient Greece on our lives today.

<p>Maths This term in Maths we will be focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revising geometry of shapes including 2D and 3D shapes Learning how to translate shapes in different ways Reading digital, analogue time and timetables Exploring money and converting units. <p>On a Friday morning the children will be participating in a variety of multiplication activities to practise their targeted multiplication tables. Please continue to practise your child's individual multiplication targets at home with them.</p>	<p>English For our English this term, the class will be travelling back to Ancient Greece to explore the Battle of Marathon. We have recently enjoyed participating in a debate about which was the best Greek city-state, Athens or Sparta.</p> <p>In June, the class will be learning about a range of Ancient Greek myths and will have a go at writing their own.</p>	<p>Topic Within our topic lessons, the class will be comparing the physical and geographical features of Greece to the UK. We will be also learning how the environments within the countries have an impact on the animals and insects which live there.</p> <p>Science This term's science unit is Living Things and their Habitats. The class will be learning how living things are classified based on their similarities and differences and will be understanding how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment.</p>
<p>Art/D.T This term for our Art/D.T. lessons, the children will be creating their very own Greek vases.</p>	<p>Computing/E-safety lessons This term's computing focus is learning how to create spreadsheets. We will also be discussing in class the importance of copyright and ownership over your work.</p>	<p>PE This term in P.E., the class will participate in Athletics and OAA on a Thursday afternoon.</p> <p>They will also be having cricket sessions delivered by Chance to Shine on a Friday morning.</p>
<p>PSHCE This term's PSHCE unit is focused around our 'Rights and Responsibilities.'</p> <p>During the final part of the summer term, the children will be participating in Relationship Sex Education. This will include discussing a variety of topics around growing, changing and puberty.</p>	<p>Live, Learn, Flourish week For Live, Learn and Flourish this term, the children learnt about the importance of moving out of our 'comfort zone' into a 'stretch zone' when learning in school.</p> <p>As a class, we also discussed the British Value of Individual Liberty.</p> <p>The children also enjoyed a 'WOW day' linked to Ancient Greece and made some fantastic Greek vases.</p>	<p>R.E./Worship Every year at Uley, we have the opportunity to explore a different faith. This term the children will be learning about Judaism. As part of the topic, they will be learning why the Torah is important to Jewish people.</p> <p>Also within our R.E. lessons the children will be questioning 'What kind of King is God?' and will be exploring this through a variety of biblical texts.</p> <p>The value for this term is truthfulness.</p>

The Gardening Area

As you may have noticed, the gardening area is currently being renovated. The garden and pond area is a wonderful space for all classes to have access to and provides all children with the opportunity to experience the importance of growing plants and looking after the habitats and insects that live there. The garden is also a keen interest of Mrs Pugh's and over the course of the term, Class 4 children will be having a more active role in the development of this area.

My Special Thing

This term, we will also be continuing with Class 4's My Special Thing on a Friday. If you are unsure of when your child's presentation is or have any questions regarding your child's presentation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Homework

Homework topic webs

In Class 4, the children are encouraged to complete both the homework topic web as well as their weekly spelling homework each term. The homework topic web is linked to all areas of the curriculum and each piece of homework encourages a skill relating to 'research', 'make', 'apply' or 'practise'. The children in Class 4 also play an active role in discussing and choosing a range of homework activities they would like to complete, relating to our topics. We do ask for children to try and complete a range of homework pieces across a range of subject areas. As mentioned on the homework topic maps, all homework is due in the **week beginning 27th June to share with class**. 5 team points will be awarded to every task completed and the homework will be shared and celebrated within the class once all the homework has been received.

Last term, the whole school participated in Mathletics March and competed against one another to achieve the most participation points over the course of the week. It has been so lovely to see such an enormous increase in the uptake of Mathletics to help support the children's mathematical understanding and recall. It has also been wonderful to hear that so many children in class are enjoying reading for pleasure. Alongside the homework tasks, please do remember Mathletics and Purple Mash are there to help support your child's learning at home, alongside opportunities for regular reading time.

Additional useful dates to note:

- **Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May:** Assessment week and SATS for Year 6's
- **Week beginning 23rd June:** Jubilee Activities and celebrations
- **Thursday 16th June:** Year 6 Cathedral Service
- **Week beginning 27th June:** Homework share and Open classrooms
- **Tuesday 12th July:** Sports day

More dates about additional events happening this term will be sent out over the course of the term.

Kind regards
Mrs Royle

