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Year 4 Newsletter Summer Term

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the summer term, we can't really believe it's here already! What a wonderful trip to Hooke Court we had!

The year 4 team are always available if you have any questions, they are: Mrs Johnson, Mrs Scott and Mrs. Long

Topic

We will be studying Romans and Celts this term. There is lots of local history in this topic with links to Design Technology, Literacy, Art and Drama. We will continue to be involved with Food for Life work and are becoming more involved with gardening and cooking in our lessons. There are also lots of exciting trips planned for this term. We are also looking forward to two themed weeks and the various transfer activities we have arranged.
Walking to School – During the summer term, some parents may wish to organise for their children to walk part or all of the way to school by themselves. In the past, some very successful walking parties have been organised by groups of parents in order to develop their children's sense of independence in getting ready for walking to middle school. If you do decide to organise for your child to walk some or all of the way to or from school, please ensure that you let Mrs. Mewett and the year 4 team know in writing.

Snacks and Water

To maximise our brain function and encourage a healthy life style we would like children to bring a healthy snack to school each day to eat at break in addition to a bottle of water. We are encouraging the children to drink and eat smart by keeping hydrated through the day and be conscious of what they are eating. Snacks such as crisps and sweets will be positively discouraged.

Reading and Writing

This term we are prioritising punctuation and grammar in year 4, please encourage your child to use their punctuation when writing at home, especially correct use of capital letters and encourage the use of classroom tools such as 'gimme 5' and subordinate clauses (fronted adverbials). Many children in year 4 continue to be very enthusiastic readers, please

continue to value books with your children at home. It is essential that your child remembers to bring their book bag to school every day. Year 4 children need to begin to be responsible for remembering this and organising themselves in readiness for middle school. Book bags are needed for Library, Quiet reading, Shared reading, Group reading sessions and spelling activities as well as Individual reading to teachers, classroom assistants and parent helpers. Children should have a reading book of their colour and a Home Learning diary in which we encourage the children and adults who hear them to keep a record of the books they have read and a Non Fiction Library book. A record is kept of books going in and out of the library, so it is important that children do not put their library book back without registering it.

The children can also access Mathletics through the school website or by going directly to www.mathletics.co.uk. We have been successful with Mathletics over the last term and have been having fun competing in the league tables with Year 3 and Year 2 and indeed the world!!!!!. In accessing online material and resources, may we remind you of the school's policy on using the Internet at home, which is to always supervise your child when using the Internet. We hope you enjoy using this fantastic tool to support your child's learning.

RSS Feed

We try our best to keep our class blog up-to-date and hope you find it a useful source of information. This information can be accessed at home, work or on your mobile using our class RSS feed:
http://pow-year4.blogspot.com/feeds/posts/default?alt=rss
Or by clicking through to the 'Year 4 Page' on the school website. We hope you will find this method of communication useful. We would encourage you to comment and blog posts as it is always nice to share in class what children have been doing at home. We welcome your thoughts on what else could be included on our class blog.

Spelling and Home learning Activities

Children will continue to bring home spellings to learn for the following Friday, as well as times tables for the Friday and it is also expected that children access their mathletics at home to complete tasks set for them, consolidating and developing learning in class.

Assembly

It is our leaver's assembly on the last day of the term **at 10.10am** in the school hall (bring your tissues). **Please note this is different to normal class assembly start times (9.20am)**. You are more than welcome to come along and see for yourself a fantastic time year 4 have had at The Prince of Wales School.

Swimming and PE kits

Please could you ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school, as we are covering athletics this term I would also like the children to bring trainers for outside PE as they are much better for the children to run in at this age. It is also useful if they have a spare pair of socks, our PE sessions take place on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please can all children have a hat and goggles for swimming and I would also kindly like to remind you to wait with your child until we leave the ICT suite at 8:40am on a Wednesday morning.

Musicianship programme

We are continuing the programme of 10 whole class music lessons where each child in the class will have the opportunity to borrow an instrument and learn it all together. A letter will follow shortly.

Rights and Responsibilities

We continue to refer to our class rights and responsibilities and we have to ensure these rights are fulfilled. The class charter is used alongside the DASP caterpillars to support expectations for behaviour. Over the course of the year we have consistently reinforced good citizenship by awarding citizenship stickers.

Building Learning Powers and Growth Mind Set are very important to us in class and in our lives. We are focussing on resilience, managing distractions, focus, making links, planning and reflecting.

Transfer Day

On **Thursday 6th of July** children will be going to their new schools for the day. They will need to be taken and collected from their new school on this day. Before this takes place the children will have become more familiar with the teachers and schools themselves as we have several events organised. The Head of Year 5 will be visiting the class and we will also have some year 5 children visiting again with their current teachers for question and answer sessions. Buddy letters from year 8 children at your child's new school will be sent out during June. If you have any concerns about the transfer process please come and see Mrs Johnson.

Please keep reading the blog and accessing the school calendar for upcoming events and information about learning in class.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. S Johnson