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Year 4 Newsletter – Summer Term

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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have all had a relaxing Easter break and didn't eat too much chocolate!

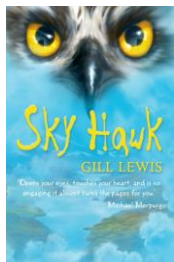
The Summer term is always very busy in school and the time seems to fly by with so much to pack in. On Thursday 3rd May we kick off the term with our annual May Day spectacular where the children will parade around the village, adorned with colourful bonnets. This will be followed by a performance of traditional and more contemporary dances for parents and carers to enjoy back at school, based around the theme of 'The Greatest Showman'. Please come along and join in the fun! The children will also be preparing for end of year Sports' Day, which is due to be held on Thursday 12th July. Please see the bottom of this newsletter for a list of dates for school events and dates that are particular to your child's class.

We wish our year 6 children all the very best for their end of year SAT exams, which take place during the week commencing Monday 14th May. All of the children, and staff, have worked incredibly hard in preparation for these tests and they all deserve to do well – Good Luck year 6!

We really do appreciate all the support you give your child at home and ask that you continue to read with your child daily, support them with maths and spelling/grammar and punctuation homework.

Please see below for an overview of what your child's year group will be learning this term. You will also receive an overview of the objectives your child will be covering in class this term.

What Year 4 will be learning this term:



SUMMER 2018: FLIGHT

Our topic this term will be Flight. We will be learning about famous aviators and engineers, as well as famous aircraft and different aviation milestones. We will also link this to Design and Technology work based on building a glider and lots of science investigations.

In English we will be carrying out a book study of 'Sky Hawk' by Gill Lewis. You may wish to buy a copy of this text for your child to have at home or to bring into school to support their learning. Cheap copies are available on both E-Bay and Amazon.



We also hope to arrange a trip linked to our 'Flight' topic for some point in the summer term; more details to follow when this has been confirmed. We will endeavour to keep the cost of this trip to a minimum.

In Miss Lane's absence, Mr Cooper will continue to teach Penguins class.

See the attached planning overview for more detailed information about the curriculum this term.

Ways you can support your child's learning at home:

We appreciate the support you give your child at home with their spelling and reading. Please continue with this - it really does help. As you know, we have recently introduced a new procedure for homework:

- Homework will be sent out **every Friday**, to be **returned the following Wednesday**.
- In Year 4, children will take home one piece of Maths and one piece of Spelling or Punctuation and Grammar each week, as well as needing to read.
- Teachers will look at and acknowledge returned homework tasks on a weekly basis.
- Children will receive a House Point for each piece of homework that is returned.
- Each task should take no longer than 30 minutes. If you find a task is taking longer than 30 minutes to complete, please feel free to make a note in your child's homework book or pop into school to see Miss Edwards, Mr Cooper or Mr Ottaway.
- Reading that is done with an adult at home should be recorded on the Reading Record form at the back of homework books. This can include books taken home from school or books from home that children are reading.
- Children will receive a House Point for every time they read at home with an adult 3 times within a week i.e. for reading three times with an adult between homework books being given out on a Friday and returned on a Wednesday.

As a consequence of the new homework procedure, our **weekly spelling tests will now take place on a Wednesday**. New words will continue to be set and sent home on a Friday.

Uniform and PE kits:

Please ensure your child wears school uniform and has their PE kit in school every day.

PE days this term: Tuesday and Thursday

With best wishes,

The Year 4 team

Important dates for your diary - there may be more events as the term goes along

Thursday 3rd May: May Day celebrations

Friday 4th May: May Day backup

Monday 7th May: Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday 22nd May: Class photographs

Wednesday 23rd May: Class photographs

Friday 25th May: 3.05 pm end of term 5

Monday 4th June: INSET day

Tuesday 5th June: Term 6 commences

Monday 18th June: EPA KS2 Sport's Day, Tilsley Park, 10.00 – 2.00

Monday 25th June: EPA KS1 Sports Day, Tilsley Park, 10.00 – 1.00

Saturday 30th June: PTA Summer Fair

Thursday 12th July: Sports Day (dependent on finalisation of EPA sports day, above)

Friday 13th July: Bastille Day (cross-curricular day)

Wednesday 25th July: 1.15 pm end of term 6

