

Year 4 Class Information
Summer 2018

We're Going Back To School



Dear Parent/Carer

I hope your child has enjoyed the Easter holiday and is ready to tackle the new term. Please continue to help him/her to remember the following key items:

Items to bring to school:

Monday:	Dinner money and PE kit (athletics)
Thursday:	Homework and swimming kit
Friday:	Homework Diary and spelling Book



In Maths, we will be concentrating on fraction work after completing our work with angles. Our Literacy focus will be historical fiction, and the children will be writing their own part of a story (from a character's point of view), before creating newspaper articles from the Victorian era.



In Science, we will be moving towards an investigation of sound, before looking at habitats, our study of which will be enhanced by our school trip.

In this term's Topic work, we will be investigating the concept of flight, designing, evaluating and competing with our own kites. We will be drawing inspiration from Leonard da Vinci, particular in terms of design technology and observational studies. In addition, we will be looking at locations and features within the British Isles, with a specific look at Dover. The children will also be developing their skills with regard to textiles.

Reading: All children should continue to take home their reading book every night. Please remember the emphasis should be on *reading for enjoyment*. Children may also borrow school library books.

Spelling: Please help your child to practise for the weekly spelling tests.

Homework: As before, a small amount of Maths and Literacy homework will normally be set each Friday, **for return by the following Thursday**. Additional, adhoc pieces of homework may also be set.



PLEASE NOTE:

Your child will be recording details of his/her homework in a Homework Diary. In addition, details are recorded on our class chalkboard, so your child will always know where to look if a diary should become lost. **If a child is struggling with homework, he or she can ask for help at any time before the due date.** *Please note that homework is not intended as a guide for tutors.*

Times tables: Tables will be tested daily, as part of our "Mad Minute" challenge. Please encourage your child to practise as often as possible. Your child should now be fluent with most of their times tables. **Please note that application of times tables knowledge is integral to all our Maths work. It is vital that your child secures this learning through regular practice and support at home.**

PE: in addition to the weekly swimming sessions in the first half-term, the children will be participating in athletics and invasion games. Children will need to have their PE kit (including pumps) in school on Mondays.

General: Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school (no juice).

Please help us to help your child: it is really important for children in Year 4 to develop both independence and organisational skills. With this in mind, *please try to encourage your child to remember his/her own belongings, equipment and homework.*

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With many thanks

Mrs Cooper
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