

19th April 2024

Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Summer 2024 1st Half

Dear Parents/Carers of all children in Year 4,

Thank you for your support throughout the Spring term. We hope you enjoyed watching our 'Pirates versus Mermaids!' production; we were extremely proud of the children! We are looking forward to the term ahead.

Maths

This term we will continue to prepare children for the online multiplication check in June. There will be a Parent Workshop on Friday 10th May (2.45 – 3.15pm) to give you more information about this. Please help your child to learn their times tables facts as this continues to be a major focus. The children need to know all the times tables and corresponding division facts up to 12x12 e.g $5 \times 6 = 30$ so $30 \div 6 = 5$ and $30 \div 5 = 6$. We would encourage children to use 'Times Tables Rockstars' at home and children need to be practising for at least **fifteen minutes daily**. You can access the Times Tables Rockstars website via our school website or at: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/login/29424>

Reading

This term in Guided Reading we will be reading 'I ate Sunshine for Breakfast', a celebration of plants around the world, written by Michael Holland. This book will help to develop reading skills and widen children's vocabulary. Your child will continue to bring home a book that they have chosen. Please read with your child at home on a daily basis and record a comment in their reading diaries. Book bags need to be brought into school daily. Children are expected to read at home for **at least 30 minutes a day**. Reading is monitored weekly. Children will be able to access Accelerated Reader tests in class and at home.

Spellings

Over this half term we will continue to learn words from the statutory spelling list. We will also be investigating words with the s sound (spelt sc: eg. science, scissors) and words ending in 'sion' (for example: division, extension). We will also look at words which use apostrophes and homophones (words which sound the same but are spelt differently eg. there, their and they're).

Home Learning

Please have a look at the attached sheet for some starter ideas for projects on 'Electricity' that you could complete at home with your child. Do bring in any completed projects to share with the class.

PE

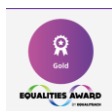
Please continue to send children into school in clothes and footwear that they can exercise in without the need to change for PE. On Tuesday's this half term children will be doing Dance so please make sure they are suitably dressed as they will need to do this in bare feet. This term we will be continuing our swimming lessons at Kings Hedges Learner Pool. Children will need to have their **swimming kit in school every Thursday**. As the weather is changeable, please make sure your child wears a waterproof coat and has a pair of wellies at school to change into if needed. Children will need to remove earrings and long hair must be tied back. We believe that children can nearly always take part in a PE lesson in some capacity if they are able to attend school. Our policy is that children will take part in PE lessons unless a doctor's note advises in writing against it.

General Reminders:

- Please make sure that your child brings in a plastic see-through water bottle with their name on it.

Please do remember that we are available briefly at the end of the day should you need to speak to us.

Yours sincerely,
Rebecca Merriman and Helen Harwood
Year 4 teachers



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