



Friday 24th April

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. The children are already immersed in their learning and we are looking forward to our final busy and exciting term in Year 4.

Curriculum

This term in English, we will be linking our writing with our Romans topic by creating diary entries as if we were in Pompeii. We will also be using our PE knowledge to help us write instructions for how to play cricket. In Maths, we will be furthering our knowledge of fractions and decimals as well as working with money, time, statistics and shapes.

Spring 1	Spring 2
Science – Sound	Science – Digestion, teeth and food chains
History – Roman Britain	History – Viking Britain
Computing – Coding	Computing – Micro:bits
Art – Drawing realistic insects	DT – Mechanisms
PSHE – Being my best	PSHE – Growing and changing
RE – Sanatana Dharma - Enquiry	RE – Christianity – Prayer and Worship
PE – Cricket	PE – Athletics

Homework

Homework will continue to be handed out on a Friday and is due back in by the following Friday. Thank you for all of your support and effort in making sure the children complete their homework!

As well as the paper homework and as discussed previously, it is vital that the children are continuing to regularly practice their times tables ahead of the national test in June. We have been so proud of the efforts the children have been making to learn their times tables.

Please do encourage children to make use of the MTC check on Purple Mash, Monster Multiplication and Times Tables Rock Stars well as regularly questioning them yourselves. Children need to be able to have an instant recall of a fact within 6 seconds.



Reading

The children will continue to be heard read at school however it would be good to see more children reading more regularly at home. The children are encouraged to record in their journals when they have read, either to an adult or independently, ideally 4 times a week.

All children will continue to visit the library each week on a Thursday. Please encourage your child to have their library book in school on these days otherwise they will not be able to take a new book out and may be issued with an overdue notice.

PE/Uniform

PE will continue to be on **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in on these days.

Please ensure that children's hair is tied back and that earrings are removed on these days, as per our uniform policy. Earrings that cannot be removed must be taped, either at home or by sending your child to school with their own tape.

Music Lessons

This term, the children have the exciting opportunity to have 10 weeks worth of music tuition from the Berkshire Music Trust. The children are currently learning how to play a TooT which is a woodwind instrument similar to a flute. They have been enjoying their learning so far and a further letter will be sent to you in due course to invite you to their end of term concert. We are very grateful to the PDSA for funding this opportunity for Year 4 children each year.

Warmer Weather

As the warm weather finally arrives, please ensure that your child has a refillable water bottle in school with them every day, along with a sun hat and sun cream if needed.

As always, thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or queries then please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, either at the door or via the Year 4 email: year4@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk

Kind regards,

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