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Dear Parents,

Year 4 Summer Term 2017

Welcome to the summer term! We hope you have all had a restful holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting term ahead! Please can you take the time to read this letter, as it contains important information regarding the summer term in Year 4.

The topics for Year 4 are as follows:

English: The texts will focus on exploring stage play scripts; journalistic writing; stories from other cultures; and non-fiction texts which link with other curriculum areas.

Comprehension, grammar, punctuation, spelling, handwriting and reading will continue to be of a high priority this term and weekly spelling tests will be carried out on Fridays. It is vital that every child is heard read, on a daily basis, and we kindly ask that you monitor this at home and sign your child's reading record, each time you hear your child read.

Verbal and Non- Verbal reasoning activities will also continue.

Mathematics: Number skills continue to be a high priority. Other topics this term include co-ordinates, fractions, negative numbers, decimals, data handling, measure and time.

Science: 'Friction' and 'Circuits and Conductors' will be studied this term. The children will continue to develop their investigative skills through these topics.

History: This term, we will be studying the Norman invasion, castles and the society which was built up around them. Connected with this topic, there will be an educational visit, to Windsor Castle, on Monday 26th of June.

Geography: We will be studying India throughout the term. If you have any artefacts or photographs which could be put on display in the classroom, this would be much appreciated.

Art: The children will explore the use of water colours and silhouette work, based around our India topic and we will be investigating art based on the Orient.

Design Technology: Planning, designing and making night lights using clay.

ICT: Branching Data Bases, Modelling effects on screen.

Religious Studies: We will be looking closely at Hinduism and the different religions in India.

Spanish: The Carnival of the Animals – animals; descriptions; time; answering and asking questions.

PE and Games:

Athletics and tennis

Girls' Games – Rounders and tennis

Boy's Games – Cricket

Music: After a very successful performance of 'Go for Gold' last term, we will be looking at different short topics to improve our composition, performance and listening skills. These include 'Communication, Time, In the Past and Food and Drink'.

Homework: We will continue to send home one piece of homework per night, from a variety of subjects including English, maths, science, geography, history and 11+ Preparation.

Year 4 calendar dates:

Friday 5 May- Spook Theatre Company workshop

Saturday 6 May- Long Close School Open Day

Saturday 10 June- Summer Fair

Monday 26 June- Windsor Castle Trip

The homework diary, as always, remains an important means of communication. It is greatly appreciated when parents sign the diary each week, as it does ensure that everyone is kept in the loop. Your child's welfare is our main priority.

Please could we ask that your child's uniform and games kit is clearly named, with sewn in name labels. It would also be extremely helpful if you could check your child's pencil case and ensure that they have the following: At least four HB pencils, a blue ink fountain pen with extra cartridges, a rubber, two named glue sticks, a selection of colouring pencils, a highlighter and some gel pens.

Exams take place, in all subjects, during the second half of the term. In order to relieve the stress on the pupils, these will be spread over 2 weeks, commencing on 5th June. Revision prompt sheets will go home before half term. If you have any concerns about the examinations or any other matter relating to school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes for the summer term!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rees and Miss Malocca

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Year 4 Form Teachers