

# Year 4 Summer Term Newsletter

Dear all,

We hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed the Easter holidays.

In Literacy this term we'll be focussing on both non-fiction and fiction writing, including stories with a historical setting, narratives, letter writing and newspaper reports. SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and Comprehension will continue to be taught both in isolated lessons and in context, to heighten the children's skills in these areas.

We will continue to focus on specific skills in our weekly Literacy Activities such as comprehension, spelling, handwriting, sentence structure and touch typing. Children will also undertake a weekly free writing exercise where they are given 20 – 30 minutes to write freely on a given topic or subject. Children are expected to read at home regularly both independently and to an adult. Please check your child's reading diary each week to see if they have been set any specific reading tasks. Children need to have their reading diary in school every day. Each week the children will have the opportunity to visit the library, where they have a free choice of book selection, both non-fiction and fiction. Please take the time to talk through and share your child's library book with them.

In Maths this term we will be looking at problem solving involving decimals, adding and subtracting fractions, equivalent fractions and multiplying and dividing 2 and 3 digit numbers using formal written methods. We will also be investigating measurement, coordinates and area.

By the end of Year 4, children are supposed to know all tables up to 12 x 12. In Year 5, they will be doing 'Tables Torture' each week, so perfecting them this year will give the children a really good head-start!

Homework is staying the same as it was last term, with approximately half an hour of both Maths and English each week. Homework will be set on a Friday to be returned the following Wednesday. Spellings will continue to be sent home with homework on Fridays for a test the following Thursday.

Here's a few notes about other areas of the curriculum:

- Our Science work this term will be learning about states of matter. We will then be moving onto looking at sound.
- In DT, the children will be designing and making a healthy sandwich for a class picnic.

- Our History topic for the term is The Ancient Egyptians.
- R.E will continue to be focussing on the key elements of Christianity, Hinduism and Sikhism.
- In Computing, the children will be learning to research carefully and collaborate to create a class wiki. They will also become meteorologists and learn data measurement, analysis and presentation skills.
- Circle Time will be held weekly to discuss PHSE issues and to hear feedback from Eco and School Council.
- French will continue once a week and will cover basic conversational French.
- In Music, we'll continue with the Charanga Music Scheme.

A reminder that swimming lessons will start next Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. The children will initially be put in the same groups as last year. After the first session, the swimming coach may swap some children around if they see fit. Please can you ensure that your children have the correct swimming kit (trunks for boys and swimming costumes for girls, swimming caps and towel). Goggles are optional but **children will not be allowed to swim if they do not have a swimming cap**. This goes for boys and girls. Our remaining P.E lesson will be on Wednesday. Because it is the Summer Term, most lessons will be outdoors so please ensure you child has the correct kit which is to include outdoor trainers.

Please do feel free to discuss any important pupil issues with us before they become major. The best time to see us is immediately after school, though on Tuesdays and Thursdays we may need to rush off to Staff meetings. If for any reason we can't meet immediately then we will find a time and arrange to meet as soon as possible.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this and we hope that it helps to keep you in touch with your child's education at Maple. Thank-you for your continued support with your child's learning. Please remember that to see on a more regular basis what's going on inside the Year 4 classroom, you can follow us on Twitter with MapleSchoolYr4.

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