

Dear Parents/carers,

Mrs Mills and I would like to wish you a Happy Summer Term!

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break and are now ready to begin the Summer term! This letter will give you some important information about Class 4 and the topics we will be covering this term.

Dropping off/collecting your child – This is the same as the previous two terms.

In Maths we will be learning about Fractions, Time, Shape and Measure.

In English we will be writing about our new topic in different ways. We will be looking at different tenses and clauses and enjoy some creative writing.

Topics this term - We will be learning about 'Isambard Kingdom Brunel' and all he brought us in the way of Transport. If your child wishes to research this at home, I am happy for them to show/tell about this on a Friday. On Monday 11th June we will travel to Bristol to visit the 'SS Great Britain' and the new 'Being Brunel Museum' (further details will follow nearer the time!).

The Science topic this half term is 'Forces and Magnets'.

We will investigate 'push and pull', 'fast and slow' and then observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others. We will describe magnets as having two poles, compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet and predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.

Next half term the children will do some Science project work in groups and pick their own topic to study 'Scientific Enquiry'.

We will be setting up simple practical enquiries, making careful observations, using a range of equipment, gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions, using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables.

I have now given each family (during parents' evening), a copy of the following:-

- Year 3-4 Statutory Spelling List.

- Glossary of Terms Used in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Teaching in Primary Schools.
- End of Year Expectations for Year 3.

Hopefully this has been useful for you to know a little bit more about Year 3.

Homework - Homework and spellings. All children are expected to learn the spelling words. All children have been given a 'Year 3-4 Spelling Booklet' before Christmas and another just before Easter which they should be working their way through at a page a week. The homework will vary (Maths, English, Science etc.) depending on what I feel the children need. I would also like the **children to read aloud to an adult daily ('a page a day' is all I ask. Your child will receive a daily star each time they read)**. Please support your child with their home learning but please do not complete the work for them! If your child finds something particularly difficult or you do not understand the task that has been set, please pop in and see me or write a note in their yellow reading records/homework book. Homework will be given out on a Friday and needs to be handed in on a Wednesday. Reading books and reading records need to be in school every day.

Times Tables - Times Tables are really important for every child to learn and feel confident about. Therefore, every child will have the opportunity to practise different tables daily in class.

PE - It would be very helpful if the children could have their PE kits in school every day. They will have PE with Mr Pigden on a Monday and Friday but there may also be other times when the children require their kits.

If you have any questions or queries relating to this letter or any other issue, feel free to pop in and see Mrs Mills or myself after 3.30pm.

We are very fortunate to have two ladies coming in to join our class this term to help the children learn how to make mosaics. The ladies will work with a different group every week until every child has had the opportunity to complete their own tile.

Many thanks,

Mrs Hicks