

Class 4 Parent Information – Summer 1

Welcome back – I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. We have a busy few weeks ahead as we embark upon the Summer term. Please find below some important dates and reminders for the upcoming half term. As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office. Mrs Blakey 😊

Dates for the diary

22nd – 24th April – Year 4 residential to Emmaus Village

Tuesday 5th May – Parent coffee morning – supporting your child with emotional regulation

Friday 15th May – Break the rules day

Tuesday 19th May – Brass Concert for parents

Friday 22nd May – Year 4 Bikeability Day (more info to come)

Homework

This half term, we will focus our efforts on our times tables in preparation for the MTC in June. Each Friday, children will bring home a multiplication activity to complete at home. This should be returned before the following Friday.

Children also continue to have access to TTRS logins which they can use to help them to practise their times tables. They also know how to practise a mock MTC using 'urbrainy'. This can be used at home as well as in school.

Spelling tests continue to take place each Friday. Please refer to the half termly spelling list sheet for each week's focus.

Student – Miss Maw

We continue to have our PGCE student, Miss Maw, completing her teaching practice with us in Year 4. She will be with us until mid-June and leading some of the teaching in class during this time, with my guidance. The children may mention her, or you may see her at the school gates.

Our Learning

This half term, we will be learning about:

Science – Electricity

History – Arabia and early Islam

Geography – Earthquakes

Computing – Data Logging

DT – The Great Bread Bake off – designing and baking our own bread

RE – Pentecost and Baptism/Confirmation

French – Describing things and people

Music – we will continue with our Brass lessons each Tuesday with Miss Mortimer from Durham Music Service.

PE

Year 4 will begin their swimming sessions this term every Thursday at Durham School. Due to the residential, the first lesson will be 30th April. All children need to pack a bag to bring with them, including swimming costume/trunks, a towel and a swimming cap for these lessons. Goggles can be worn if children wish. Normal PE will continue to be on a Friday this half term. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full school PE kit on Thursdays and Fridays.

Reading Books

Children are expected to read at least three times per week and record this in their reading records. Reading can be recorded in reading records by the children themselves or by anyone who reads with them e.g. parents, grandparents, older siblings etc. If children are writing in reading records themselves, parents should sign them at least once a week. Reading records should be returned to school every Friday, along with any reading books the children have finished reading and need to exchange for new ones. Raffle tickets are given out as rewards for reading at least 3 times every week. The children are then entered into a prize draw to win a book.

We recently had a lot more reading records being brought in after our 'reading homework' push. Please could you remind and encourage your child to bring them in each Friday and continue this improved response. Thank you 😊