

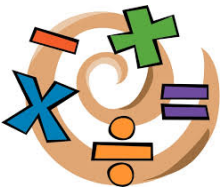
# Summer Newsletter Year 4

St. Mary's & St. Peter's C of E Primary School

April 2017

## Information about the Curriculum

**English** This term the children will be studying a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, including recounts and information texts. We will be reinforcing the use of a range of common punctuation marks, including commas for clauses. Children will be encouraged to use a range of connectives, and to vary their sentence structures and openings to achieve more complex sentence construction. The children will continue to develop their reading skills through regular personal reading and group reading sessions which will involve more comprehension skills e.g. information retrieval, deduction and inference.



**Maths** In the summer term we will develop the use of standard and informal written methods for multiplication and division, as well as securing formal methods for addition and subtraction. We will also revisit and extend our understanding of other areas including: measures, shape and space, properties of polygons, properties of numbers, line graphs, fractions and decimals, angles, money and time. There will be a focus on applying our mathematical skills to solve problems.

**Science** The main topic for this term is Living things and their habitats. Within this topic, we will be grouping and classifying organisms as well as considering environmental changes that affect them. We will identify local habitats and name organisms that live there. We will find out about the food sources of these animals, distinguishing between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. To support this unit, we will go on a pond dipping trip to the Stockyards at Bushy Park.



**Topic** The history topic this term is the Mayans. The children will gain knowledge of who the Mayans were, where they lived, and investigating amongst other things their gods, architecture and lifestyle.

**R.E./P.S.H.E.** We will be learning about Holy Communion & Pilgrimages and how they are important to Christian life. We will also be exploring the significance of the Bible and how to find and access the texts within it successfully. After half term, we will be looking at how people express their faith through art. In PSHE, we will continue to look at one of the school values each week. Within our English topic *Stories which raise issues* we will be covering a number of themes, including bullying.

**P.E.** This term 4N and 4T will be commencing their swimming lessons on a Thursday and 4A will be developing their Tennis skills. In addition to this, we will be taking part in athletics based activities and striking and fielding games. P.E. kit should stay in school during the week and it is important that children have suitable outdoor footwear for outdoor P.E. As the weather starts to heat up, it may be appropriate to also provide a sun hat and put sun cream on before school.

**Art/D.T.** This term our Art topic is called *Take a Seat*. We will be looking at contemporary building and furniture design. The children will create 2D and 3D chair prototype/models and then will upcycle a piece of furniture. Please let us know if you have any unwanted small items of furniture which you could donate to the class to be upcycled!

**Music** We are lucky to have Richmond Music Trust joining us to teach the children the clarinet.

**French** We will be consolidating previous work along with learning new vocabulary for a number of new topics including animals, telling the time, describing the weather and clothes.



### **Home learning tasks**

There will be a range of English and Maths home learning tasks related to the week's work. We will continue to set the children Abacus online activities some weeks so please encourage your children to play any outstanding games. The children will also be set a new spelling investigation each week. Reading a variety of texts is important for children of all abilities and we would appreciate it if you would continue to encourage home reading and discussion of books to ensure good comprehension skills. Please also ensure the children are continuing to learn and revise their times tables each week.

As always, donations of glue sticks and tissues will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks

Mr Taylor, Mrs Novak and Mr Austin.

### **Dates for your diary:**

26<sup>th</sup> May – 4A Class Assembly

12<sup>th</sup> June – 4A Pond Dipping Trip

19<sup>th</sup> June – 4N & 4T Pond Dipping Trip

1<sup>st</sup> July - Summer Fair

