

Friday 4th May 2018

Dear Class 4 Parents,

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year, I hope you had a restful and enjoyable Easter break and are ready for an exciting and busy final term!

During this term the children will be learning all about a 'It's a Bug's life' through their topic lessons. There will be opportunities to participate in a range of sporting events, perform in a fun and exciting summer performance and not forgetting the Year 6's SATS during May.

Below is an outline of what class 4 can look forward to this term:

Exciting events happening this term:

<p>Maths During the summer term the children will be revising different areas of Mathematics from the autumn and spring terms. They will also enjoy different mathematical investigations and problem solving activities.</p>	<p>English <i>Fiction:</i> The children will be retelling a story called Journey by Aaron Baker. <i>Poetry unit:</i> The children will be creating their own poetry about the journey of an insect. This unit will have cross curricular links with their music lessons. <i>Non-fiction:</i> The children will learn how to write persuasive and informative texts to emphasis the importance of bugs to our planet.</p>	<p>Topic: 'It's a bug's life!' During our topic lessons the children will be exploring different insects from around the world and learning all about their micro habitats. They will also take part in a national insect survey to investigate which insects live within our school grounds and understand the importance of pollinators to our world.</p>
<p>Computing/ICT In class 4, the children will continue to learn how to stay safe on the internet by participating in the final e-safety lessons for this year and will continue to write more algorithms and programs through their coding lessons.</p>	<p>Be the Best you can be During Live and Flourish week the children explored the value of tolerance and created their own raps/poems to explain how they can show tolerance within their everyday lives.</p>	<p>Physical Education. This term the children will be playing net and field games including cricket and rounders. They will also develop their map skills through a series of orienteering lessons.</p> <p>Please can we ensure the children have their PE kits in school from Monday to Friday, as PE lessons may vary across the week.</p>
<p>Art and Design The children will be using butterflies as stimulus for creating different pieces of artwork.</p>	<p>Science The children will be learning all about living things and their habitats.</p> <p>During the second part of the summer term, the children may also learn all about Electricity.</p>	<p>R.E./Worship This terms value is Respect.</p> <p>The children will experience multi-faith week at the start of June. During this week the children will be learning all about Judaism.</p> <p>The Year 6's will be attending a leavers' service at Gloucester Cathedral on Thursday 7th June. The Year 6's will also be organising a cake sale during this term to raise money for a chosen charity.</p>

As always the summer term is full of exciting events and hopefully lots of sunshine! During Summer term 2, the children will be taking part in another entertaining KS2 performance and information regarding the performance will be sent out during the final week in May.

The summer term also brings lots of sporting competitions for the children to join in with, including a swimming gala, the district field and track events and rounders. The children thoroughly enjoy representing their school and being part of a team, and as a school we always welcome any parental support with transport to sporting events.

This term also brings a final farewell to the Year 6's. After a fun and very energetic trip to Morfa Bay we do ask for the children to start to think about their leavers presentations. The presentations will be held during the last week of the summer term and are always a lovely way for the Year 6's to reminisce on their time at Uley.

SATS information

SATS tests will be administered during the week beginning 14th May. We do ask for your support and encouragement during this week. Please also ensure children arrive to school on time. During this week we will also be running a breakfast club in which we invite the whole of the Year 6's to enjoy breakfast together. This is a great opportunity for the children to relax and have time together before they take the tests.

Homework

Every term we are amazed by the fantastic response and quality of the children's topical homework and enjoy sharing the children's pieces on the share day. We do ask for children to try and complete a range of homework pieces (including at least one 10 point task) across a range of subject areas. The deadline for all homework pieces to be brought in this term will be on Thursday 21st June, ready to share during the afternoon. However if any homework is finished prior to the share day, they are welcome to bring it into school earlier.

Alongside the topic homework maps, we ask children to continue to read at home regularly, use Mathletics to encourage Maths practice and keep practicing their times tables. Over the last two terms the children have made excellent progress with their Rainbow Maths. If you require any more Rainbow Maths sheets, please do not hesitate to ask.

I am sure this summer term will be one of our busiest yet and I look forward to celebrating the children's achievements with you.

Kind regards,
Miss Walker
Class 4 Teacher