

# Class 4 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter. The spring term passed over so quickly and here we are now in the final term of year 4. The term ahead will build on from the previous term's achievements. This newsletter gives you an overview of the curriculum your child will be following over the next term as well as reminders of some useful information to help you and your child have a successful term. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me .

## Subjects and Areas to be covered this term

**Numeracy** - This term we will be doing revision of all areas daily, before our main maths lesson. Summer term covers a lot of the more practical subjects, including time, shape and data handling.

**Literacy** - We continue to use our new scheme 'The Literary Curriculum'. Children are meeting lots of new texts, from a range of authors. Main focus this term is the use of clauses in writing, descriptive language and speech punctuation.

**Science** - This term we are focussing on Animal Habitats, looking at different types of habitats, animal needs, food chains and endangered animals.

**French- Getting places** - vocabulary and spellings

**PE-** This term we are focusing on Striking and Fielding games, including rounders, hockey and football. We are also working on Athletics in second half term, focusing on throwing, jumping and skipping.

**Geography** - Looking at different areas around the world, including map work, climate, houses and job, a big focus is looking at Catalonia.

**History** - A new topic for Year 4, we are focussing on Anglo-Saxons. We will be looking at their way of life, their homes and what they introduced to Great Britani. We will also be looking at some of their famous legends, including Beowolf.

**RE** - We will be looking closely at Christianity, focusing on churches, their different areas and what takes place in them. We will also be looking at Judaism, focusing on their beliefs and practices.

## Design/technology and Art

In Art this year our topic is 'Heraldry'. We are looking at Coats of Arms and Symbolism. Within the unit they will develop their skills in textiles and sewing, by creating a tapestry based on their own design for a Coat of Arms. Children will look at symbols, shapes and colours and learn what they are thought to signify.

In DT we are designing and making kites.

## Homework

Weekly Numeracy or Literacy homework will be sent home on a Friday this term and returned as usual on the following Friday. Please do not hesitate to contact me if your child has any difficulties with this so I can spend time going over it in school if need be. Spellings will be given out on a Friday, to be tested the following Friday.

## Reading

The majority of daily lessons involve reading but it is an advantage if your child can spend some time reading out loud at home. Please record this on your child's reading card. On the back of your child's reading card this year are targets that are there as a guideline to help you support and develop your child's reading. We hope you find this useful.

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## DIARY DATES

9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SAT's
13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SAT's party
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Day <i>full details to follow</i>
30 <sup>th</sup> May - 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Half term holiday
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Leaver's Service at Durham Cathedral
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 at Parkside as part of a 6 week transition programme. Visits will take place every Wednesday afternoon for 6 weeks.
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 & Y6 visit to the Sikh Gurdwara
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 & Y4 visit to Beamish Museum
24 <sup>th</sup> June	School closed - PD Day
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1- Y6 Sports Day - 1.15pm
w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y1 to Y6 Race for Life
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving up day Y6 Parkside transition day
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents Evening
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 South Shields
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Service at St. Stephen's Church - 6.00pm
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Service in school - 9.15am
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of the Summer Term - school day ends at normal time.
21 <sup>st</sup> July	School Closed - PD Day Summer Holiday begins
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Children return to school on Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September

## P.E. Kit

P.E. will be a Thursday afternoon, children should come to school dressed in clothing suitable for P.E.

Suitable footwear is essential for children's safety. A lot of PE will be outside if weather is appropriate. Warmer clothing should be provided in the colder weather, possibly a fleece jacket.



## Earring Policy

We are concerned about the number of children who are wearing earrings to school. Can we please remind parents that it is our school policy that children **must not** wear earrings or jewellery whilst in school. We request this for health and safety reasons to avoid possible injury to your child and other school children. If your child has had their ears pierced recently and is not yet able to remove them, they must be covered with a plaster or tape, can we please ask that this is done at home. Once the recommended healing period has ended the earrings should then be taken out for school. We would greatly appreciate your support in this matter and if you have any queries please contact me.

## Drinking Water in School

As you know current research has shown that children perform better in school if they drink between 6-8 glasses of water a day. For this reason we encourage children to bring a bottle of water to school, which they may drink in class and may be refilled during breaks. Plain water is best however, we understand that some children will not drink plain water so we are happy for them to bring weak juice. **We must ask that children do not bring fizzy water.**

If you have any queries or concerns about this matter please contact me.  
We greatly appreciate your support.

