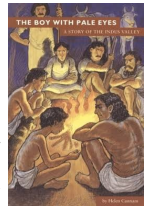


Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays, we hope you had a relaxing break. It is great seeing the children full of energy and enthusiasm for the Summer term, ready for the exciting learning experiences we have in store for them.

First half term:

This term, we begin with a splash with our trip to the local river/pond to explore the features and habitats of water-based creatures. We then move onto our History unit, where we will learn about the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations: ancient Sumer, Ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. Children will learn about the rise, life, achievements and eventual end of each civilisation. We will link this through some other subjects too including Art and Design Technology. In English, we will be reading the book 'The Boy with Pale Eyes', a story of the Indus Valley.



In Maths, we will continue with decimals, then move on to money and time. As always, we will focus on learning our Times Tables for the Multiplication Test Check (MTC) in June. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

Our outdoor PE sport is cricket and indoor PE will be developing Fitness skills where the children will learn about different components of fitness. In our Science lessons, we will be learning about Electrical Circuits and Conductors: we will be constructing series circuits and identifying common features of conductors. We are learning about 'Keeping Myself Safe' in PSHE and our world faith in RE this term is Buddhism. Computing this term is Animation and Music will focus on Blackbird by The Beatles!



Second half term:



For the second half of the Summer term, we will continue with our ancient civilisations topic learning about Ancient Egypt. Tomb Builders is our D&T focus which teaches children about simple machines, exploring how they helped ancient builders to lift and move heavy loads. For this half term's English, we will be using the book 'Cast the Gods Adrift' to develop inference skills in reading and instructional and narrative writing. During Maths, the children will learn about Statistics, Properties of Shapes and Position and Direction. Rounders and Athletics skills will be developed in PE whilst our focus in RE will continue to be Buddhism. Our Computing lessons will develop children's knowledge of Hardware and Software, while PSHE will focus on Growing and Changing. Music will be linked to Classical music in our Reflect, Rewind and Replay topic.



Reminders:

-Please ensure children wear their PE kit (including trainers) to school on Mondays and Thursdays. This should be – white T shirts / black bottoms / trainers / school jumper. Children should have all items of school uniform labelled, as well as outdoor coats, water bottles and lunchboxes. This will help us to ensure any lost items can be returned to the correct child quickly.

-Home Learning will be handed out every Friday and will be due in the following Thursday. Reading Records will also be checked on Thursdays so please ensure that 5 reads have been recorded and signed by an adult.

We look forward to working with you again this term and sincerely thank you for your continued support.

The Year 4 Team