Mandeville Primary School

Year 4 Summer Term Newsletter
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are! In our last half term of year four. How the time has flown. We all can't believe how adaptable and resilient our two classes have been through this exhausting and ever changing year. We enter our new term positive and hard working as we get the children ready to move into year five (which we have no doubt that they will all be ready for).

We have the times table test coming up in the next two weeks so remember as always that every little bit of practise helps immensely!

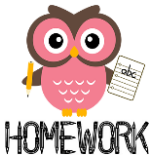
As always if you need to contact any of us, our emails are hawks@mandeville.herts.sch.uk and herons@mandeville.herts.sch.uk

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This half term Express Learning will be back in the classrooms!
Please join us on 12th July from 2.50 – 3.10pm to share the children's learning from this year!

Weekly spelling homework will continue to be sent home every Monday in the green homework books. These words should be practised on their own but also within sentences.

Children should also continue to practise their times tables either on Timestables.co.uk or TTRockstars. They have been working really hard on learning these facts and are making amazing progress so we appreciate your support with this. If your child is scoring below 16 at this point in the year they should be practising **daily**. You can check your child's score by completing the 'Sound Check' with them on TTRS.
Children are still expected to read **every day** and make a note in their reading journal which is checked weekly. Remember there are reading books on Purple Mash that the children can access in case you are struggling to find reading materials.



It's getting warmer… finally! We are outside lots during the day and even more when the classrooms get hot. Please remember to put sun block on your children at the start of the day and provide them with sun hats to protect them against the sun.

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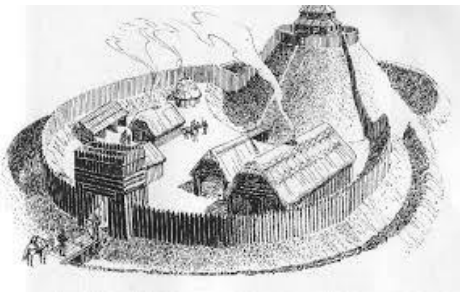

TOPIC: Our last topic promises to be a fantastic one! The theme is '1066' and we'll be learning all about the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings and the Bayeux Tapestry. We will also investigate the features of Norman castles. We will discuss how Britain has changed since the Anglo-Saxons.

MATHS: This half term, we will continue to focus on understanding shapes and their movement. Children will be using different operations to solve problems and improve their Mathematical thinking skills.

ENGLISH: We will investigate the features of poetry and create our own poems based on the glorious weather and nature around us. Then we will write persuasive text.

SCIENCE: This half term we learn about sound. This includes investigating how vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. We will also find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it.

DT: We will also be exploring different clay techniques so look forward to some creation coming home.

LATIN: We will be looking at noun and adjective endings, looking at the relationship between them. We will also review previous learning, revisiting the verb 'esse'.

PE: The children will be trying out contemporary dance this half term! We will also be tackling athletics and will continue to do the run every day, so please make sure your children have trainers in school and leave them here if possible.

This term in PSHE we will be teaching relationship and sex education for year four.

Within this subject we will teach the children that everyone is unique and special and we all have characteristics that make us different. These come from our birth parents, as scientifically, we are all made from the joining of an egg and sperm. We will discuss how a girl's body changes and that menstruation is a natural part of this. We will discuss that some changes happen as we grow up and that they can't be stopped but some changes we have choice over. We will talk about physical changes that happen to both boys and girls as they go through puberty.

In line with our RSE policy, 5 out of 6 sessions in this topic must be taught to all children in the class. If you wish to look at the materials we will be using, or if you wish to withdraw your child from the <u>one lesson</u> that is not statutory, please come and discuss it with me as soon as possible. Thank you.

If you have any further question about the RSE for year four or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact us via email.

Many thanks,

The Year 4 Teaching Team!