Mandeville Primary School

Year 4 Summer Term Newsletter
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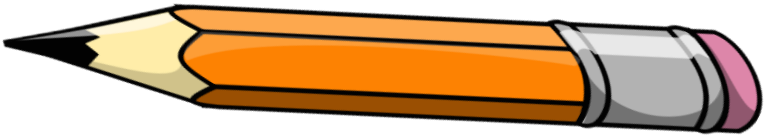
Dear Parents and Carers,



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Wow, it's our final term in Year 4!
The most exciting news for this half term is that we are planning an overnight stay at school! We feel the children have missed out on a lot due to Covid restrictions and feel they would benefit from the experience of staying away from home for one night, before they launch off to Alymerton in Year 5. There will be more details to come in a letter. We are also going on a trip to Ivinghoe Beacon. Aside from this, we are looking forward to lots of learning and some more sunshine!

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 Purple Mash 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. The Multiplication check will be in June and we would like all the children to feel comfortable in their success in this.
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.

Year 4 will start street dance lessons this term and will also do another PE session during the week. Please make sure their PE kit comes in weekly. It is particularly important that the children have appropriate shoes for PE activities so they don't damage their feet and ankles.

TOPIC: We are about to launch into our new topic - **"Misty Mountains"**
We will be covering a lot of geography in this topic, such as:

- the names and location of some of the world's most famous mountain ranges
- contour lines on OS maps
- compass work

MATHS: We will be continuing to follow the Maths No Problem curriculum, which this term will focus on:

- money
- mass, length, volume
- area

ENGLISH: We will be focusing on:

- Stories with a theme
- Discussion

In addition we will continue to have a weekly focus on spelling, punctuation & grammar.

SCIENCE: This half term we learn about changing states, which will involve investigating solids, liquids and gases. We will also discover how the water cycle works.

MUSIC: We will learning the different names of musical notes. We will be applying the knowledge when signing and when playing musical instruments.

ART and DT: We will be taking inspiration from some great modernist painters, such as Georgia O'Keeffe and producing some dramatic images of mountains in chalk as well as continuing to develop our sketching skills.

RE: In RE we will continue learning about the Sikh community, looking at different religious stories and looking at similarities between them and stories from other faiths.

PSHE:
In PSHE we will be exploring relationships and how to manage and deal with feelings that surface from being in different social situations.

PE: The children will be having Street dance lessons as part of the PE Curriculum. Please ensure that all children have an outdoor PE kit in school **every day**, including trainers. Please continue to provide your child with the correct school uniform and PE kit.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or offers of help. Keep looking out for a 'Marvellous Me' when your child has shown some fantastic learning behaviour.

Many thanks,

The Year 4 Teaching Team!