

Welcome back to school, we hope you had a wonderful Easter break!

Our topic for this term is 'The Living World'. Please look at the attached Topic Web to find out what we're doing for each subject.

Each day, children are expected to read at home using the reading book which matches their coloured band or their library book. Do let us know via the new reading record or Class Dojo if you feel that they are finding home reading books too easy or too challenging. They should take home a second book which they can choose from the school library. Please ensure that these books are returned to school when they have finished with them and that reading records are completed and returned to school each day for us to check.

The children are also expected to work on their times tables recall every night. There is a national Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in early June for all Year 4 children so the earlier that your child can recall all their times tables quickly, the better! The expectation by the time of the MTC in Year 4 is that children need to recall each of their times tables within 6 seconds. Being able to recall all of the times tables facts up to 12x12 quickly will also make calculations in Years 5 and 6 easier.

If you would like your child to have a snack at break time, please provide a healthy snack such as fruit or vegetables e.g carrot sticks, apple, banana.

PE kits need to be bought into school and kept into school for the term. Here is a reminder of the school's PE kit expectations:

- White t-shirt (plain or small logo)
- Black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings (plain or small logo)
- Black sweatshirt (plain or small logo – or school uniform sweatshirt/cardigan is fine)
- Trainers
- Long hair must be tied back
- No jewellery (earrings removed or covered with tape)

There is a VE day celebration on **Thursday 8th May**. Children can come into school wearing red, white and blue. The children will complete activities in class and we plan to have a whole school picnic during lunchtime. Some Year 4 children will, of course, be away at Grittleton House that week.

We are planning to hold our Sports Day during this term (hopefully the weather will be kind to us!). At the moment, it is on **Thursday 22nd May**. Please keep an eye out for more information nearer the time.

We would like to stress the importance of punctuality and attendance in Year 4 – it is crucial that children don't miss out on important blocks of learning. The classroom doors open at 8:30am each day, ready for the register to start at 8:35am.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to us or send us a message on Class Dojo.

Thank you so much for your continued support,

Mr. Sedgwick and Mr McGann