**LKS2 Summer Term Focus and Homework**

**Please read below to find out what is happening in LKS2 in the summer term. A huge welcome back to Mrs Derbyshire who is now working alongside Mrs Oliver in Year 3.**



**Science**

This term, children will first learn about plants. They will name the parts of a plant and their function, then investigate what a plant needs to grow and how water is transported through a plant. They will then find out about the life cycle of a plant and discover what the botanist and explorer, Joseph Banks found on his travels. We will then study, ‘Living things and their habitats,’ focusing on the seven life processes and classification. **At home:** We love Science experiments, if you complete any at home, please let us know and bring them in to share with us.

**PE**

This term, children will develop athletics and cricket skills. Events taking place this term include, Walk to school week, Sports Day, Community Games and the St Bede’s Colour Run. Year 4 children will be attending swimming lessons. More details will follow about these. **At home:** Please let us know of any sporting achievements made outside of school, we love sharing these with our St Bede’s family. If you need signposting to any clubs, please get in touch.

**Music**

This term, children will complete a unit entitled, ‘The Show Must Go On!’ where we will focus on how music connects us with the environment.

**RSE/PSHE**

In RSE, children will look at being part of a community. In PSHE, they will consider copyright and ownership, healthy sleeping and how to look after their mental health.

We will be going on our school trip to Gibside (National Trust) on Wednesday 9th July. More details to follow.

**RE**

This term, children will cover three units; Called, where we will be finding out all about Confirmation, Pentecost, where we will find out about the gift of the Holy Spirit and God’s People, where we will find out about people such as Martin Luther King Jr and Saint Teresa.

**Year 4 children have their First Holy Communion at St Thomas Aquinas on Saturday 17th May**

 **History and Geography**

 This term children will continue exploring the Maya Civilisation. They will find out life in the Maya Civilisation and consider what they achieved. They will also look at what led to the decline of the Maya. **At home:** We have asked children to bring in any Mayan related work they complete at home. Please ask your teacher for more information.

In Geography, we will continue finding out about Angry Earth. We will be focusing our learning around earthquakes, their causes and the impact that they have. **At home:** Children can conduct research about a famous volcanic eruption or earthquake? They can then choose how to present their findings and bring/send them in to share with the class.

**Computing** Children will develop their coding skills and learn how to design and create their own game.

**Art and Design Technology**

This term we are exploring, ‘Painting,’ and ‘Drawing and Textiles.’ We will also be making a greeting card in DT. **At home:** We would love to see any artwork or DT skills that you practice.

**Spanish**

This term children will begin talking about where they live as well as continuing to develop their basic skills. **At home:** Play some Spanish games by scanning the QR code and using the login yearfour\_1688 LA2022 or yearthre LA2022

Friday 11th July: Summer Fayre, 3pm

Monday 14th- Wednesday 16th July- Class Transition Week

**Mathematics**

This term children will cover skills across three areas of maths; decimals, time and money. Year 4 will also be taking part in the Multiplication Check.  **At home:** Please help your child by practising Maths in real life situations such as baking, shopping and even looking at results such as the Premier League table or Strictly scores. It is vital that children practice their multiplication facts at home. Please let us know if your child cannot access Rockstars at home so that we can give you alternative ways to practice. Scan the first QR code to practice the times table check and the second QR code for a telling the time game.

**English and Reading**

 This term we will cover the following genres of writing: third person adventure stories, first person diary entries, news reports and poetry. **At home**: Support your children at home by practising handwriting and spelling at home. Scan the QR code for a free game that helps improve SPAG skills

This term, children will continue to read, ‘The Boy at the Back of the Class’ and begin reading, ‘Young, Gifted and Black,’ by Jamaia Wilson and ‘Wind in the Willows,’ by Kenneth Grahame. Scan the QR code for a brain break, ‘Read with Expression.’

**At home:** We encourage children to read as often as they can at home. Please use your child’s reading records to let us know about their reading at home.