

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second half term of Year 4! By now we are all settled in and know what our expectations are. We have had many star of days, celebration certificates and even some bronze housepoint awards. We're also well on our way to our first full jar of marbles!

I will aim to inform you of any changes to our timetable as soon as possible throughout the year, but please come and ask me if you are unsure of any of the information given. Our PE day continues to be a Monday as Premier Sport will be taking the class for the afternoon. Please can children come to school in their PE kits on a Monday. The children will be doing hockey outdoors so please dress warm. Our moat day will be Friday so please dress in moat clothes on this day.

Homework will be given out once a half term as a menu. There are 6 activities on the menu and the children are asked to complete all six of these tasks. They should bring in one piece of homework each week on a Monday and books will be returned on Tuesday. Well done to those who earned housepoints for outstanding homework last half term!

This half term our Topic is 'Rivers and Settlements'. We will be learning about the parts of a river, comparing rivers and settlements as human and physical geography before getting creating and building our very own bridges and lighthouses. Our topic covers many subject areas such as Geography, History and DT and will focus on learning new key vocabulary - do see the topic web for further details on this.

Linking to our topic, our focuses in English will be poetry, with our key text "River" and a narrative text "Float". We shall use many features of both poetry and fiction writing this half term.

In Maths, our two main areas of learning are length and perimeter and multiplication and division. We will look at units of measure before using them to find the perimeter of different shapes. Then we will use our times table knowledge to multiply and divide with larger numbers.

The children may want a fruit snack at break time, and you are welcome to send one in their school bag. Additionally, if they would like to keep their own water bottle at the back of the classroom please ensure it is named.

Children will also be given reading books, which they will be encouraged to read at least three times a week at home, including to an adult. These can be changed any day of the week during reading time, but children should ask a class adult and tell them about the book before changing it. Children can write in their reading record once they have finished a text.

If you have any questions or queries please contact me through the school office or directly to my email.

Kind Regards,
Emma Mason