



-  Mr. Gary Spracklen - Headteacher (@Nelkcarps)
-  Maiden Castle Road, Dorchester, Dorset. DT1 2HH
-  01305 257120  office@princeofwales.dorset.sch.uk
-  <http://www.princeofwales.dorset.sch.uk>

...where we are all inspired to learn

Wednesday 15th May 2019

Year Four - Summer Term Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. It's been an unexpected start to the term with the absence of Miss Johnson, although the children have adjusted incredibly well. It has helped that the children were already familiar with me and Mr Dickinson who has returned to complete his final teaching placement. All the staff have noticed a growing maturity and focus in the children as they prepare themselves for the transition to middle school.

Topic

We will be studying The Celts and The Romans this term. There is lots of local history in this topic with links to Design Technology, Literacy, Art and Drama.

It's going to be a very busy and exciting term with lots of trips and overnight stays, themed weeks and transfer activities.

Walking to School

During the summer term, some parents and carers may wish to organise for their children to walk part or all of the way to school by themselves.

In the past, some very successful walking parties have been organised by groups of parents in order to develop their children's sense of independence in getting ready for walking to middle school.

If you do decide to organise for your child to walk some or all of the way to or from school, please ensure that you let the school office know in writing and the Year 4 team know.

Snacks and Water

To maximise our brain function and encourage a healthy lifestyle we would like children to bring a healthy snack to school each day to eat at break in addition to a bottle of water. We are encouraging the children to drink and



...where we are all inspired to learn

eat smart by keeping hydrated through the day and be conscious of what they are eating. Snacks such as crisps and sweets will be positively discouraged.

Reading and Writing

This term we are prioritising punctuation and grammar in Year 4, please encourage your child to use their punctuation when writing at home, especially correct use of capital letters. Many children in Year 4 continue to be very enthusiastic readers, please continue to value books with your children at home. We would also encourage them to complete their Accelerated Reader quizzes once they finish reading a book.

It is essential that your child remembers to bring their book bag to school every day. Year 4 children need to begin to be responsible for remembering this and organising themselves in readiness for middle school. Book bags are needed for Library, Quiet reading, Group reading sessions and spelling activities as well as Individual reading to teachers, classroom assistants and parent helpers. A record is kept of books going in and out of the library, so it is important that children do not put their library book back without registering it.

The children can access AR reading and also Times Tables Rockstars and Mathletics through the school website or by going directly to -

Accelerated Reader - <https://ukhosted74.renlearn.co.uk/5435914/>

Times Table Rockstars - <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Mathletics - www.mathletics.co.uk.

We have been successful with Mathletes over the last term and have been having fun competing in the league tables with Year 3 and Year 2 and indeed the world!

In accessing online material and resources, may we remind you of the school's policy on using the Internet at home, which is to always supervise your child when using the Internet.

We hope you enjoy using this fantastic tool to support your child's learning!

RSS Feed – Year 4

We will try our best to keep our class blog up-to-date and hope you find it a useful source of information.

This information can be accessed at home, work or on your mobile using our class RSS feed, or by clicking through to the 'Year 4 Page' on the school website.

We hope you will find this method of communication useful.

Home learning Activities

Children will continue to bring home learning activities home once a week and we strongly encourage children to practice any times tables they are not currently confident with. Times Tables Rock Stars has proved to be a fun and engaging way for children to improve their recall of timetables. Children can also access their mathletics at home to consolidate and develop learning in class.

...where we are all inspired to learn

Assembly

It is our leavers assembly on the last day of the term, Tuesday 23rd July at 10:10 in the school hall (bring your tissues). You are more than welcome to come along and see for yourself a fantastic time Year 4 have had at the Prince of Wales School.

Swimming and PE kits

Please could you ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school, as we are covering athletics this term I would also like the children to bring trainers for outside PE as they are much better for the children to run in at this age. It is also useful if they have a spare pair of socks.

Transfer Day

On Thursday 4th July 2019 children will be going to their new schools for the day. They will need to be taken and collected from their new school on this day. Before this takes place the children will have become more familiar with the teachers and schools themselves.

Buddy letters from Year 8 children at your child's new school will be sent out during June.

If you have any concerns about the transfer process please come and see me or Mrs Brooker.

Dates for your diaries -

Week Commencing 13th May – GL Assessments

Friday 24th May 2019 – Roman Celebration day

Friday 17th May 2019 – Roman Big Write

Half Term – 27th – 31st May 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019 – Celt workshop

Tuesday 4th June 2019 – Celt workshop

Monday 10th June 2019 – Celt workshop

Tuesday 11th June 2019 – Celt workshop

Tuesday 18th June 2019 – Class Photos

Wednesday 26th June 2019 to Friday 28th June 2019 – Hooke Court Residential

Week commencing Monday 1st July – Inclusive Sports Fortnight

Thursday 4th July – Transfer Day (Middle School)

Friday 5th July - Dance Day

Tuesday 9th July – KS2 Sports Day

Week commencing 15th July – Sleepovers in the roundhouse

...where we are all inspired to learn

Boys = Wednesday 17th July 2019 Girls = Thursday 18th July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019 – Leavers Assembly and last day of term.

As you can see there are lots of things lined up for Year Four this term!

Other activities may well be added to this list; and there are other things too that involve the whole school.

The Year 4 team are always available if you have any questions, they are: Ms Browne, Mrs Brooker, Mrs Howell, Mrs Long and Mrs Thomas.

Thank you for your warm welcome and support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms C Browne
Year 4 Cover Teacher