

# HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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## YEAR 4 MONET - SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the new school term, we hope you have all had a good break.

### **National Curriculum**

We have lots of exciting learning to do this term, including our trip to Hudnall Park. In History and Geography we will be answering the questions: What did the Vikings want and how did Alfred help to stop them getting it? and investigating Beyond the Magic kingdom: What is the Sunshine state really like? Year 4 will also be focussing on Sikhism in R.E and studying the digestive system, teeth and habitats in Science. In our Maths learning we will be working towards all achieving out Gold Maths Wizard by the end of the year as well as continuing to develop our understanding and application of fractions in Maths. In English we will be using Iron Man by Ted Hughes, The Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll and Journey to Jo'berg by Beverley Naidoo to stimulate our writing outcomes.

### **Timetable**

Assembly will remain at 10.10am Monday to Thursday, Friday assembly remains the same at 9.00am.

### **Staffing**

Miss Branigan and Mrs Huke will be continuing to teach the class this term, with Mrs Reynolds supporting as the class TA. PPA will continue to be taught by Mrs Lambert, where half the children will take part in Forest School and the other half will be focussing on Computing with Mrs Turner.

### **Homework:**

English and Maths homework will continue to be set on a Friday and should be handed in by the following Wednesday. These tasks will be linked in with the learning we have been doing during the week, or in preparation for future learning, and should take about 20 minutes each to complete.

### **Spelling:**

Spellings will be given out every Friday and there will be a test the following Friday. Please support your children to practice these spellings and either complete the linked worksheet or create sentences.

### **Reading:**

It is vital that you child is regularly reading as it develops fluency, understanding and expression as well as improving writing, vocabulary and style. Reading can cover a whole range of genres and doesn't need to just be a narrative – newspapers (First News), magazines (Aquila, Whizz Pop Bang. National Geographic Kids) and information texts etc are all valuable high quality texts. Exposing your children to more challenging texts is important too but this could be through audio books or you reading to them and discussing the text if they find these tricky. Please refer to the Year 4 reading list and the short story lists I have sent out previously to help with suggestions of books.



### **Equipment**

Please can you ensure that all your child's clothes are clearly named, as well as their lunchboxes and water bottles, and that your child is made aware that they are responsible for their own belongings. This will help the children to organise themselves and ensure that any missing items can be tracked down quickly.

### **P.E:**

In PE this term the children will be doing athletics, dance and striking and fielding. P.E will continue to be scheduled for a Monday and Tuesday afternoon. However, please can you ensure your child has their PE kit in school **all week** as this will allow us to take advantage of any unexpected sporting opportunities. Westfield PE kit consists of a blue t-shirt, dark shorts, spare socks and trainers. It is extremely important as the children get older that they are wearing suitable **trainers** during PE lessons, and during the Daily Mile.

We are always happy to address any questions or concerns you may have, so feel free to approach me at the end of the school day or use the pink slips at the front entrance.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Miss Branigan, Mrs Huke and Mrs Reynolds

### **Key Dates for your diary:**

**Hudnall Park – 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Half Term – 26<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Year 4 Class Assembly – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**Open Evening – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**Sports Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018 10.30am – 12pm Multi-Sport House Competition followed at**

**1.15pm to 3.15pm with Competitive Sports Competition**

**(Reserve Sports Day – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July)**

**Awards Assembly – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July**