

English

At the start of the summer term, English work will be based on Quentin Blake's short story *The Green Ship*. We will be focussing on his clever use of narrative to create suspense, and using some of these features to write our own stories. The children wrote some outstanding descriptions of George's Grandma, from *George's Marvellous Medicine*. We discovered she is quite a character! Furthermore, we will be continuing to look at some more complex grammar elements such as using apostrophes correctly. The children's hard work in grammar has really been paying dividends!

English and Natural Habitats (Science)

We will use our growing knowledge of our natural surroundings and persuasive writing to encourage our families and community to develop manageable areas of natural habitat for local species. Watch this space in how you can get involved at home!

Year 4

Teacher – Mrs de Klerk

Teaching Assistant – Mr Plant

Welcome back everyone to the Summer Term of Year 4.

If you have any queries or questions about anything, please don't hesitate to speak to me or arrange a meeting with me.

Year 4 Summer Term 1 Parent Overview

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How you can help at home

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible during their free time. It doesn't have to be just school books. Reading with your child reinforces good practice and understanding. Please do this as often as you can. Please also do your best to create an appropriate opportunity, with a quiet, comfortable environment, for your child to complete their homework.

New Class Blog

A new class blog has been set up and is linked to our class page on the school website. This will be a record of our work at school, our successes and our challenges, as well as school notices.

Educational Visit

Friday May 12, 2017: Natural Habitats @ The Discovery Centre

Important Days

Thursday: Swimming and PE kit needed on this day

Friday: Weekly spelling / times tables test

Homework

Please check your child's homework book or class blog for the half termly deadline.

Reading, learning of spellings and times tables should be completed daily and signed in the pupil planner.

Mathematics

This half term, the children will be consolidating their knowledge of the four main functions of basic arithmetic, as well as continuing to focus on worded problems; to become fluent in their language and experts at how to solve them.

We will look at a variety of strategies to improve mental arithmetic. Please note that all children by the end of Y4 now are expected to know to 12x12. This takes effort and commitment from home as well as school. Please help your child! These are essentials and we really must equip our children with these skills for life. **Maths is significantly easier if you know these.**

Maths and Vikings (Topic)

We will be using our knowledge and skills of perimeter and area to map out our own Viking Village @ Iveson, before grabbing the weighing scales to measure out the ingredients to bake our own Viking bread. Let's hope we can remember our fraction knowledge so everyone has their fair share of bread!