



Year 4 Summer Newsletter



What a fabulous spring term it has been! The Y4 children have worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of them and their achievements. Thank you to all our parents/carers for supporting your child, and helping make their learning so successful.


Here are a few reminders and some useful information about the **summer** term:

Summer Term Topics

In the summer term we will be learning about:

- Rainforest Habitats (Science / Geography)
- Caring for the Environment (PSHCE / Science)
- Teeth and Digestion, Classification and Habitats (PSHCE / Science)
- Cooking Healthy Savoury Dishes—linked to Allotment project (DT).
- Buddhism (RE)
- Rainforest Compositions (Music)
- Allotment in Spring / Summer— including plant life cycles, germination and care (science)
- Exotic plants and animals—Collage, Painting (Art)
- LOGO; Coding—Scratch Projects (computing)

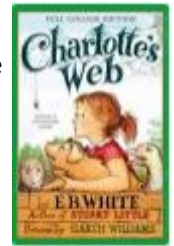
Reading and Reading Books

Please encourage your child to read  every day!

Children who are still on the **reading scheme** need to aim to change their book at least **once a week**, unless they are reading a 'thick'/free reader book. Reading books are **changed on Mondays and Thursdays ONLY** and should be transported in a book bag.

Children who are not on the reading scheme will still be expected to read books at home. We have lots of lovely books available for children on 'free reading' to borrow if they wish.

Class Novels: In year 4, novel studies take place as part of our reading lessons. This term we are reading 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B White.



Spelling

Spellings are set every week and tested the following Thursday. Spellings lists will continue to be uploaded onto SeeSaw for the children to access and learn throughout the week. It is imperative that your child **THOROUGHLY LEARNS** their spellings in order to reach the expected standard for Year 4.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set via See-Saw (SS) on Thursdays and should be completed by the following Tuesday if possible. Tasks will be varied and will link to class work. We try to choose tasks that do not involve a lot of printing out and encourage as much work to be done on the See-Saw format. Children are encouraged to upload work to See-saw so it can be seen by their teachers. Spellings, reading and times tables are a priority and the homework tasks are as always for if the children have time to do them or want to extend/support their learning.



Multiplication Tables

By the end of Year 4, pupils are expected to be able to recall **ALL** multiplication tables up to 12x12. They will have their multiplication check (MTC) provided by the government in June. Please continue to encourage your child to use **Timetables Rockstars** and the times table websites we suggest a while ago on SS to help with this. We have regular tables progress activities in class and will have a MTC practice before the real test is administered.

Handwriting

School provides a blue pen for children to use once they have their Pen Licence, but your child may wish to use an erasable pen which you can purchase from most supermarkets, stationers or Amazon. Please make sure the pen is royal-blue in colour. Practising at home will really help your child to improve, so please encourage them to do so, especially with written homework tasks which should be joined and neatly presented.

PE

PE days will be **Monday and Wednesday for 4FW and Tuesdays and Thursdays for 4O'M**. PE will take place outdoors – weather permitting. Children should continue to come to school in their PE kits on these days. Suitable PE kits consist of jogging bottoms, a T shirt, a sweatshirt or fleece (if possible grey, black and green school colours) and trainers (NOT pumps). Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back and no jewellery to be worn, unless religious.



What to Bring to School – Reminder



Children will need a **water-proof jacket** throughout the summer term. Like last term, we will continue to take our learning outside when we can, and will try to ensure the children have as much outdoor play and fresh air as possible. The classrooms continue to be well **ventilated** so please make sure your child wears lots of layers to stay warm, as the windows will remain open all day! Children are allowed to wear an additional fleece sweatshirt or a body warmer in class.

Bookbags should be brought on Mondays and Thursdays if your child needs their book changing.



NO NUTS!! Please make sure your child has their water bottle EVERYDAY (filled with water only please) and their packed lunch (unless they are having a school dinner). **REMINDER: WE ARE NUT FREE!** Please do not put items containing nuts in packed lunches.

Your child is allowed to bring a piece of fruit for a snack at playtime. Please try to avoid plastic pots and wrappers!

No bikes, scooters or other equipment allowed in school. Sadly, **no** birthday sweets to be shared for the time being. We will wish children a “Happy Birthday” in class.

Arriving and Leaving School - Reminder

Please arrive at school no earlier than 8.50 a.m. when the gates will be opened. At home time, the school gates will open at 3.20 p.m. If you need to speak to your child’s teacher, please email the office at admin@highfield.leeds.sch.uk and they will pass the messages and emails on.

Key Dates for the Summer Term

2nd May – school closed for Bank Holiday

16th May— assessment fortnight for years 1 3 4 and 5

25th May - Class Photographs

6th June—Year 4 multiplication check week

13th June – Fit Week

15th June – Sports Morning

1st July – Teddy Bears’ Picnic

22nd July – Summer Holidays