



Cadmore End
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Dear Parents

Welcome to our Class 4 Summer newsletter. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and have been enjoying the warm weather we have been experiencing over the last week.

Whilst I had the privilege of meeting many of you at our parents' consultation evenings in March, if I haven't met you yet, then please feel free to introduce yourselves to me at the end of the school day on Wednesday or before school on Tuesday & Friday. You are also more than welcome to arrange a meeting with me to discuss your child's progress or to view their books.

This term is jam-packed full of activities and experiences that may be new to your children so I will endeavour to keep communication flowing between school and home. Please therefore ask your children about any homework they may have been set or any letters from school that require permission and need to be returned.

Homework

I will continue to set homework on Thursday/Friday each week. Most weeks this will have a Maths & English focus but other subjects may also be included such as Science, RE or Humanities (History/Geography). Class 4 should be clear on what has been set each week and the date which it needs to be handed in which will generally be by the following Wednesday/Thursday. Spellings (available on the school website) are given out on Tuesday for a test the following Tuesday and work is done in class to look at the spelling rules and focus to help prepare them for the test and dictated sentences.

Curriculum

English – we will continue to read 'Running Wild' by Michael Morpurgo and our writing will link to topics covered in this book that so far have included journalistic, explanation, flashback, non-chronological report & balanced argument. We will re-visit some of these genres of writing in different ways but will also focus on other forms of persuasive writing and narrative writing.

Reading – Class 4 need to be reading for at least 15 – 20 minutes each evening and recording this in their reading diaries alongside any comments or questions they may have. I will encourage them to use the school library to change books on a regular basis. If you could listen to them read or discuss the books they are reading each week then this would be most useful. Please use their diaries to record any comments you wish to make and any visits to outside community libraries will benefit them hugely as they become more independent in their reading and reading choices.

Maths – Class 4 is either taught by myself for Maths or by Mrs Alvarez. We are both covering the NC objectives and for Year 6, preparing them for SATs through questioning, reasoning and application skills. As mentioned in last week's newsletter there will be a 'Stay & Learn' opportunity on Tuesday 5th June from 11am – 12pm to come in and see how we teach Maths at Cadmore End, resources and methods used – it would be lovely to see you at this workshop if you can attend.

Science – we are looking at the topics of 'Evolution & Inheritance' and the importance of our circulation system in staying alive and healthy.

RE – we will be looking at 'Creation & Science: Conflicting or Complimentary?' a great unit of work that links to our Science topic and enables the children to develop their own deep thinking and questioning skills

PE – the children will begin their swimming lessons this Thursday (26th April) so please make sure they bring to school what they need labelled in a waterproof bag (please refer to the letter that went home regarding these lessons for further information). PE lessons in school are on a Tuesday afternoon so again Class 4 need to ensure they have all the relevant clothing needed including, if possible, a change of socks on this day. The PE lessons this term will focus on Athletics & Rounders.

Art/DT – we will be studying the works of various artists including Kandinsky & the Pop Art movement led by Andy Warhol and there will be preparations afoot for props, costumes & scenery linked to our end of year show.

Humanities – we will be continuing with our topic on Mountains, Rivers & The Water Cycle and then the children will be studying the Vikings.

ICT – We will be focussing on coding and research skills.

MFL – The children will continue to broaden their Spanish vocabulary and phrases through the topics of 'Family' & 'Clothes'.

Music – the children will continue to be taught the recorder by Mrs Groom so they need to ensure their recorders and books are in school on a Monday.

PSHE/SRE – I will send a separate letter home after half-term regarding the SRE curriculum and what will be covered during these lessons. PSHE will be covered through the Cop Cards scheme (see below) and we will also be considering 'Transition' whether that it is in continuation of our schooling here at Cadmore End, or in preparation for the move to secondary school.

Cop Card Scheme

We were visited last Friday by our local community officers who have explained to Class 4 the 'Cop Card' scheme and how it works. It is a fantastic opportunity for Year 6 to broaden their awareness of the local community, their own safety and the contribution they can make to society. Year 5 will be able to participate in many of the activities in preparation for their turn next year. A pack and letter will be coming home regarding this scheme next Monday (30th April) and there are some amazing prizes that can be won so any support you can give to this scheme, would be most appreciated.

SATS – Monday 14th May – Friday 18th May

We will shortly be issuing a letter regarding the arrangements for SATs week and the way in which we will conduct the tests during school time. Please be assured that we are preparing your children to do the best they can during these tests and we would be grateful if you could support us by ensuring that your child is in school each day on time that week and that they have had a good night's sleep!

Residential week – Monday 21st May – Friday 23rd May

There is a meeting to discuss all the arrangements for this week on Wednesday 2nd May at 6pm. We will also issue a letter following this meeting to ensure you have all the necessary information, teaching staff, contact details etc. Please come along to this meeting if you can so that you can talk to us about any additional needs we need to be aware of concerning your children during this week.

As I mentioned earlier, the term is going to be jam-packed full of so many exciting visitors, visits experiences, trips and will culminate in our end of year show. As we prepare the current year 6 to move on to the next part of their education and year 5 to fill the big gap that they will leave in our school, I look forward to the many opportunities that will be presented to partner with yourselves in making this process as smooth as possible.

If you require any further information or have any queries at all then please contact me through the school office.

Kind regards

Mrs Gemma Gibbins