

St George's Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely break over the summer and managed to have a rest and recharge, ready for a new academic year and the start of Year 4. I would like to start by saying how well the children have settled into Year 4, they have shown super listening skills and worked incredibly hard throughout the first week. They should be very proud of themselves!

Our topic this term is Planet Earth! During this topic we will be learning all about climates and the world around us. From creating detailed sketches of water life in art; to understanding how living things are classified; to exploring the biomes of our planet, the children will be immersed in learning about our beautiful world and how to be Stewards of the Earth.

As you know, reading is a huge priority for the whole school. Reading is the gateway to all learning and every day, at the end of the day, we will be dropping everything to prioritise reading. This may be the children reading their own books, or I will be reading a class book to them. The class books we are reading this term are:

- The Boy Who Met a Whale written by Nizrana Farook
- By Ash, Oak and Thorn written by Melissa Harrison

One of the key hurdles in Year 4 is the times tables check in June. In preparation for this, we will be practicing lots of strategies to help the children with test technique and multiplication fluency. However, regular practise of times tables really makes a difference so please take as many opportunities as possible for the children to practice. www.mathsframe.com is a free resource we use in school that can help them develop the skills they need for this check.

Just a few reminders for the term ahead:

- Children should be reading at least 5 times a week
- PE is on a **Thursday and Friday** and children should come into school in their PE kits. After half term, PE will be on a **Tuesday and Friday**.
- The children should bring in a piece of veg/fruit for their snack for break time and water in their bottles
- Homework should be submitted on a Thursday via Teams
- Spellings and homework will be set every Friday on Teams
- Spellings should be practised at home

Thank you for your support with the children's learning. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to bring this to my attention.

I look forward to being your children's class teacher and for the exciting year ahead!

Miss Keightley ☺