

Badger Class

Newsletter

Term 3 2013-14



Welcome back and a very happy New Year to you all! Doug, Diane and I would firstly like to say a big thank you for all of the lovely cards and presents that we received at the end of last term and we hope that you have all had a relaxing break. This newsletter outlines what the Year 4 pupils will be doing during this very exciting new term and includes some relevant dates and information.



The Tudors

This term our topic is the Tudors and we will be learning all about Henry VIII and his six wives! In conjunction with our topic, we will be visiting Hampton Court Palace on Wednesday 12th February. The children will be expected to dress in costume for this trip - further details to follow!

SUBJECTS OVERVIEW TERM 3



Literacy: Fiction - Stories with Historical Settings

Poetry - Exploring Form

Numeracy: Counting, Partitioning and Calculating, Securing Number Facts and Understanding Shape, Handling Data and Measures

Humanities: The Tudors

Art: Tudor Portraits

Science: Rocks and Soils

RE: Islam - Celebrations & Customs

Music: Dragon Scales

ICT: Handling Data

PE: Tudor Dance/Team Theme

Dates for your Diary

Tues 11th Feb – Safer Internet Day

Weds 12th Feb – Hampton Court Palace trip

Fri 14th Feb – Last day of term

Thurs 6th March – World Book Day

Thurs 3rd April – Year 4 Parent Consultations



P.E Kits

Indoor: Tudor Dance - **Thursdays**

Outdoor: (TeamTheme) - **Fridays**

Children will need to make sure that they have their P.E kits in school every week.

Long hair will need to be tied back for P.E sessions and ear-rings need to be removed or covered on P.E days.

PE lessons: Plain white PE shirt

Plain black shorts (no brand names)

Jogging bottoms, Sweatshirts/Track suit tops (cold weather only)

Plimsolls (Thursdays)/Trainers (Fridays)

Please remember to label every item of your child's PE kit.

Home Learning

Weekly Home Learning tasks: set on Wednesday for following Monday return

Numeracy: Children will continue to be given Maths tasks to complete at home each week. The learning will be linked to the work carried out in class.

Literacy: Spellings will continue to be set weekly and tested every **Monday**. Children should remember to bring their spelling books in on this day so that all tests can be kept together.

Topic: The children will be asked to carry out some research or complete a learning task related to other topics that they are covering in school.

Times-tables: These will also be tested frequently in class. Children in Year 4 should be able to recall their 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 times tables by heart. They should also start becoming familiar with their 7, 8 and 9 times tables. Practise at home as well as at school will ensure your child's success in this.

Reading Records: Children will be reading frequently in school and are expected to read at home at least four times a week. 15 minutes per evening with an adult is ideal. It is extremely helpful for us if you are able to make a note in your child's reading record after you have read with them.

Should your child find their weekly spellings too easy or too difficult, please do not hesitate to contact me and we will be able to make an alternative arrangement. Similarly, if there is an area in Numeracy or Literacy that you feel your child needs extra practise with then please do not hesitate to get in touch.