



Summer 2022 1st Half Term – Year 4

A warm welcome back to you all. We hope you have had an enjoyable Easter holidays. The children have been happy to be back in school and have loved spending time on the field during play and lunchtimes. We are looking forward to an exciting and busy summer term.

Class PE days:

Heather - Monday and Tuesday

Sundew - Monday and Tuesday

Bracken - Tuesday and Wednesday

On Mondays and Wednesdays the lessons will be based on Athletics.

English

- ★ We will be using the novel '**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**' to help with our English this term. In particular the children will look at subordinate clauses and fronted adverbials when writing a character description, singular and plural possessive apostrophes to write an advert about their own chocolate bar. They will use persuasive features to convince Charlie's Mum to let them go to the chocolate factory.
- ★ **Reading at home** - 4 times a week is still the minimum expected of all children. Some children will be aiming for their Gold badges this term whilst others are still able to claim their Bronze or Silver badges.
- ★ **Spellings** – do remind children to practice their spellings daily using their spelling walls.

Maths

- ★ In maths we will start to look at **money** where children will be ordering, estimating, adding and subtracting amounts. They will also be challenged to work out the correct change. We will then move onto **time** on an analogue and digital clock, children will look at 12 hour and 24 hour while solving word problems.
- ★ We will continue to focus on consolidating **times table** knowledge and will encourage the children to continually learn and practise at home through the use of **TTRockstars**. This is especially important as the Year 4s will complete their **Multiplication check** this term. They can practice using 'sound check' on TTRockstars that mimics the look of the Multiplication check.
- ★ Children should continue to play **Numbots** to consolidate their addition and subtraction facts. Please do this regularly.

Topic Learning

- ★ In **Science**, we will be learning about **States of matter** and understanding solid, liquids and gases. Children will explore evaporation, condensation and the water cycle.
- ★ In **Geography and History**, we will look at The Ancient Mayans. Children will explore who they were, where they lived, their culture, farming techniques and society and the language, numbers and calendar they created. They will also learn about the history of chocolate and the cacao tree.
- ★ **Computing**: The Year 3 children will be learning more about programming.
- ★ **RE**: The children will focus on Christianity this half term.
- ★ **PSHE**: The children will learn about healthy bodies and healthy minds.

Team Heathland reminders for this half term

- ★ Bank holiday: 2nd May
- ★ Art Week: 9th – 13th May
- ★ As the weather becomes warmer, please apply sun cream on your child **prior** to coming to school. It is not necessary to bring sun cream into school.
- ★ Please have a blue **school** sunhat for the warmer weather in school every day.

Miss Mason, Miss Reith, Mr Openshaw and Mrs Davidson ☺