



Vigo Primary School

Opening a World of Learning and Opportunity

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Welcome to the Summer Term of Year 4

Dear Parents,

We have had a great start to the term in Year four, where the children have been getting used to being back in school. This term we are going to be studying the following topics:

- History – The Tudors focusing on the question “Henry VIII, Power or Pain?”
- Geography – Fieldwork based unit exploring the shops in the town
- Science (2 units) – Plant reproduction and Electrical circuits.
- RE – Exploring the concept of Protection through looking at the Hindu ritual of Raksha Bandhan
- DT – Mechanical systems
- Art (2 units) – Sculpture and Festival feasts
- Computing (3 units) – Effective searches, Hardware investigators and Spreadsheets
- Music (2 units) – In the past (Tudor music) and Up, Up and Away (theme music)
- PE – Rounders, Cricket and Athletics
- PDL – Relationships (Building positive, healthy relationships) and Changing Me (Coping positively with change).

To support the children's learning we are looking forward to trips to Hampton Court Palace, a fieldwork trip to town, and attending a concert at Fareham Live. Details of the latter two trips will be sent out this half term.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

After half term, Year 4 will be undertaking the National Multiplication Tables Check. The children have been working hard on learning their multiplication facts this year, practicing each day to prepare for the not only the Multiplication Tables Check, but for the new maths learning they will be doing in year 5. We would really love it if you could support your child by spending just a few minutes each day practicing multiplication facts in the 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 times tables, whether this is asking them questions on the way to school, listening to a multiplication song or playing multiplication games. Children can also access Purple Mash, TTRS or Timestables.co.uk at home.

Please follow this link for further information about the check: [Multiplication tables check: information for parents](#) or ask your class teacher, who would be happy to help.

What to bring to school

With the warmer weather coming, it is important that all children have a named water bottle in school every day – they will be in charge of filling and refreshing these during the day and will bring them home to be washed. These should be in addition to the drink they bring for lunch. (No squash please.) They **do not** need to bring a pencil case, any toys or notebooks from home.

PE days

Year 4 PE days will continue to be Wednesday and Friday every week. Please ensure that on PE days your child wears their correct PE kit, outlined on our window posters.





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Forest School

We ask that for Forest School sessions children wear long sleeves and trousers and appropriate footwear, such as boots or wellies. When it is your child's day for Forest School please send them to school in their Forest School clothes, with a spare change of clothes (does not have to be their uniform) in their bag in case they get wet or dirty.

Georgia – no session this term.

Japan – Summer 1

Nepal – Summer 2

Healthy snack and lunchboxes

Children need to bring in a healthy snack, for example: fruit, crackers and **nut-free** cereal bars for breaktime. Please can those bringing a packed lunch from home ensure there is a healthy balance of food and a separate drink.

We find children are more able to concentrate on their learning when they have a healthy diet and are hydrated throughout the day. Please also do not send your child to school with sweets or fizzy drinks in their lunch boxes. Some ideas can be found here

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Reading expectations

The expectation for reading is that children read five times a week with an adult at home, we recommend about 10 to 15 minutes with a short chat at the end about what they have read, and for this to be recorded in their reading log. Children are awarded dojos for reading and those who read at least three times in the week have a chance of selecting a new book during Owlets assembly.

How you can continue to help your child in Year 4

Encourage your child to be responsible for their own belongings, eg. bringing in their reading record daily

Take your child to the town library and choose different types of books to read.

Play games such as Monopoly, Chess, Blokus, Dobble and Scrabble with your child, or role-play going to the shops with real money to support their learning in Maths and English.

Spend time cooking with your child to practise reading and following instructions and understanding weights and measures.

Visit local museums to explore the past so they can make to the historical eras being covered in school.

What to do if you have any worries or concerns

If you have any non-urgent learning or personal and social concerns about your child that you would like to discuss with a class teacher, please email through

adminoffice@vigo.hants.sch.uk, or catch them at the end of the school day at pick up.

Mornings are a very busy time for teachers as they prepare for your child's learning for the day, so please avoid trying to speak with them at that time.

We look forward to a successful summer term!

The Year 4 Team

