

Year 4 – Summer Term Newsletter

Friday 27th April 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Welcome to the Summer Term

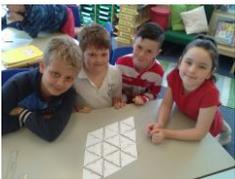
I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break over the Easter holidays. It has been great to see the children arrive back safe, happy and quick to settle ready to give their last term in Year 4 their very best!

Spring Term's Highlights

The Spring Term soon came and went with it being such a short and busy one but Year 4 really did make the most of it! This was clearly evident in the positive progress they made due to their hard work and dedication. I really hope you enjoyed sharing their pride through our parents' evening, reports and open book evenings.

Here are some of our highlights:

- ✓ Studying The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by C.S.Lewis and demonstrating our poetry skills in English
- ✓ Mastering the tricky bits in maths
- ✓ Becoming Olympic swimmers!
- ✓ Helping others to reflect on the events of Holy Week through our performance of Good News in RE
- ✓ Investigating whether gas weighs anything in our States of Matter unit of Science
- ✓ Taking part in World Book Day 2018
- ✓ Our first Ukulele performance at St Patricks Day coffee morning
- ✓ Learning how to be SMART on the internet
- ✓ Saving water and recycling to do our part to help save the planet
- ✓ MFL Day at Bishop Ullathorne

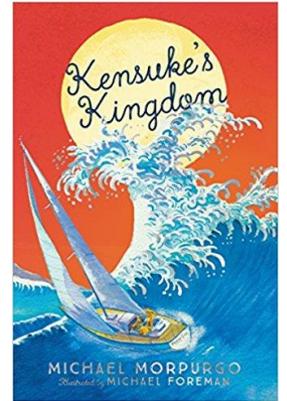


.... And lots more!

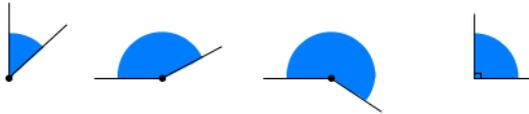


Summer Term Curriculum

- English: Our new book this half term is Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. I am really looking forward to sharing one of my favourite books with the class and can't wait to see the creative writing they produce from it. We are also going to be placing huge emphasis on our reading comprehension skills as we become expert readers.

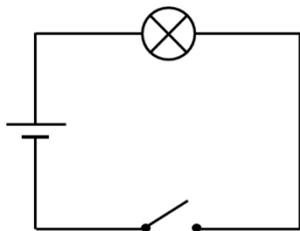


- Maths: Year 4 love learning new things in Maths and that makes it a real joy to teach them and watch their skills progress. We have already become experts on ordering and rounding decimal numbers and still have the measure of time, angles, short division and lots more to master! It is really important that your child's times tables and related division facts are secure as this is an aspect of maths that provides the foundations to many other areas. Any extra practice at home would be of great benefit!



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- RE: After completing our Easter unit, we will continue to learn more about Moses, his relationship with God and what 'vocation' means. We will also explore the units of Pentecost, other Christian faiths and traditions, and unpick some of the roles and responsibilities in Church.



- Science: Through our next unit, 'Living things in their habitats', we will be using our natural environment to explore the variety of living things and habitats surrounding us. Our last Science topic of the year will be Electricity, in which we will be constructing simple circuits and creating some of our own investigations.

- Geography: Bright Lights Big Cities – We will be comparing the advantages and disadvantages of living in cities, towns and villages in addition to planning our own journey!
- History: We will be continuing our unit on The Stone Age to the Iron Age – going right back in history to note the changes in British history throughout this period in time before carrying out a Local Heritage Study.
- Art: We will be look at pointillism through Digital Art and having a go at creating our own masterpieces!

- DT: Pizza

- PE: Tag Rugby, Athletics, Golf & Dance

- Music: Recorder

- IT: Digital Art - Pointillism



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NB: Like all good plans, there is likely to be some variance as the term progresses. This will be updated as and when necessary:

Key Information

The Year 4 timetable will be a busy one again this term. There are a few changes to the timetable that require your attention. Here are the details of these changes as well as a recap of some important things that will remain the same:

P.E: This term, we will have PE on a Monday and a Wednesday afternoon, in addition to the extra swimming lessons for those still attending on a Tuesday afternoon. It is really important that the children have the relevant kit for this every week.

Homework – Weekly homework will continue to be set on a Friday and due in the following Friday. This consists of a four minute times tables challenge and the practising of their weekly spellings. It is also really important that children are reading regularly at home. Their Reading Record should be kept up to date to accurately reflect this and be brought into school every day with them and to be signed on a Monday. It has been great to see that Year 4 is a class of keen readers. They clearly enjoy reading, both quietly and to the whole class. Developing your child's reading is vital to their education and will continue to benefit them this year.

Clubs: Many of you have already signed children up for school clubs; if you have not yet done this and would like to, please return the form as soon as possible as some clubs have limited availability. All Souls' offers a great range of extra-curricular opportunities and I think it would be great to see Year 4 take full advantage of this.

Important Dates

Sunday 29th April	Year 6's Confirmation Mass (11.15am)
Tuesday 1st May	Whole School Mass (9.15am)
Thursday 10th May	Ascension Holy Day of Obligation Mass (9.15am)
Sunday 13th May	Family Mass (9.30am)
Friday 25th May	Teacher Training Day
<i>*Half Term: Monday 28th May– Friday 1st June *</i>	
Saturday 9th June	Year 3's First Holy Communion
Sunday 10th June	Year 3's First Holy Communion
Friday 15th June	Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday 22nd June	Year 4 Ukulele Trip
Wednesday 25th July	Teacher Training Day
Thursday 26th July	Summer Holidays!

**Please stay up to date with dates for your diary and any changes that may occur by regularly checking our school webpage.*

Finally, if you are not currently receiving the weekly newsletter from the school via email, then please contact the school office to keep up to date with everything that is happening at All Souls'. Also, please visit our class blog to follow what we have been up to in Year 4 in more detail. This will continue to be updated on a regular basis and can be found on the school website or at <http://www.allsoulsschool.co.uk/category/year-4-blog/>. I cannot believe we only have a few months left before our Year 4 journey together comes to an end – let's continue to learn lots whilst having fun and making many more memories. As always, should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please make no hesitation in arranging to come into school to discuss them with me.

Kind regards,

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