

**Year 4 – Summer Term Newsletter**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2019

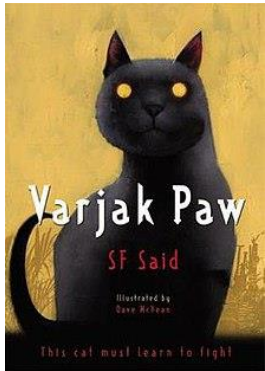
Dear Parents/Carers,

**Welcome to the Summer Term**

We hope everyone had a happy and peaceful Easter holiday, and bank holiday weekend. All the children worked so hard during the Spring Term and so, were ready for the break. It's great to see them back and refreshed ready for our final term in Year 4. We still have much to do before the holidays and are looking forward to it!

**Summer Term Curriculum**

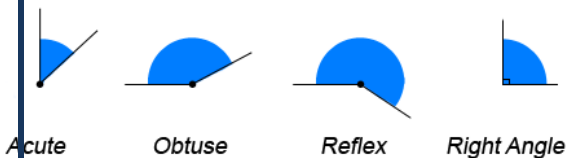
**English:** This term we will be basing our study on two texts: Varjak Paw & Secrets of a Sun-King. I am excited to share both of these books with the children- we have begun Varjak and are hooked already! As well as practising our reading skills using the texts, we will be basing our writing on them too. The many grammatical terms and techniques



we learn in Year 4 will be applied in this writing. In reading, we are focusing on retrieving and inferring from the text and considering the vocabulary used by authors. This will, in turn, support our writing, so be prepared for your children to be surprising you with their rich vocabulary!

**Maths:** In maths, we are building on previous terms' learning on decimals including ordering, comparing and rounding. We are securing a sound understanding of the place value system which underpins our knowledge of number. We will also be studying angles and short division. Each day we will be practising our times tables so that we have rapid recall of all the tables up to X12. We are continuing to use the Supermovers songs for this and the

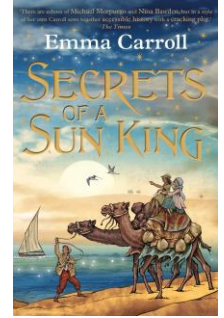
Topmarks website, all of which are available online. Please do try to practise these tables with your child daily: activities could include counting in 3s,4s,5s etc, quickfire questions and writing out multiplication facts and inverse division fact.



**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:** We are finishing our unit on Living Things & their habitats- the children will love to tell you about us exploring the school grounds, on an invertebrate hunt, and all that they found! After this, we will begin our unit on Electricity, and throughout the term will focus on working scientifically.

**Everything Egypt:** This term our unit incorporating History, Geography, Art, D&T and Computing will be on Egypt. We will begin by locating Egypt on a map and learning about significant places there. In History, we will study Ancient Egypt including the Gods, Tutankhamen, hieroglyphs and gain an understanding of life during this period. Complementing this, we will study Egyptian Art and Akenaten, and design and make a pharaoh mask. In Computing, we are using Publisher software to create fact-files on Egyptian Gods. Our English text, Secrets of a Sun-King, is also based on this unit. We are looking forward to getting into Everything Egypt!



**P.E:** This term the children will be having Cricket sessions with Warwickshire cricket; they have already enjoyed a day at a cricket festival this term. Some of our children will also be continuing with their swimming lessons on a Tuesday whilst the rest of us practise Yoga and focus on Dance.

**\*Please ensure your child has the relevant P.E. kit in school at all times & swimming kit, if appropriate, on a Tuesday\***

### Key Information

Children will continue to take home their times table sheets on a Friday which are to be returned the following Wednesday. Reading books should be taken home and brought back to school each day; please support your child in organising this. Encourage your child to read each day and enjoy this time where adults can read to them also; they truly enjoy this time.

### Important Dates

<b>Tuesday 1<sup>4th</sup> May</b>	Yr 3& 4 class Mass (9.15am)
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Shrek: The Musical (1.30-4.00pm)
<i>*Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May– Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May *</i>	
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Pentecost Celebration Day
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Father's Day lunch
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Year 3's First Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Year 3's First Holy Communion
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Last day of school for children!

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

We have thoroughly enjoyed the year so far and are looking forward to these last weeks in Year 4 with your children. They have grown so much both physically and in maturity and should be proud of their accomplishments. As always, if you need us, we are available to speak with you regarding school matters.

**Thank you for your continuing support,**

**Sarah McDevitt**

**Aimee Piercy**

Year 4 Class Teacher

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