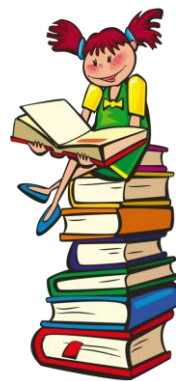


# Year 4 Summer Newsletter

Welcome to Summer Term. One term left then the children will leave us for Year 5! The year is whizzing past! We thank you for your continued support. The Y4 team is still - Mrs Aris, Mr Aspden, Miss Clarke, Mrs Eldridge and Mrs Cook.



## Homework



Children are expected to read aloud **daily** at home, this should be signed by an adult in their reading diaries. If children choose to read a newspaper or other text, this can be written in too!

Differentiated Spellings will be given weekly on a Monday for a test on Friday. This term we will be revising the rules from the Spring Term and learning words from the Y3/4 Spelling List.

One piece of homework will be given weekly - on a Wednesday, due in the following Monday.

We are having a particular focus on presentation this year, in children's books and especially with their handwriting and the way they layout their work. Practising this with their homework would be a great help.

## Times Tables

We are continuing to focus on Times Tables in Y4 at the moment. As well as a reward system and charts in school (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond); we also encourage the children to play on TTRockstars at home and to practice in the 'studio' getting faster and faster and more accurate. We give out certificates in weekly assemblies and have begun 'Battles of the Bands' where our classes go head to head. It has been amazing to see the progress in some children in both speed and accuracy - and the difference in them in their maths lessons!

## Curriculum

In Geography we learn about the Amazon rainforest and river, the human and physical features. We will be reading a novel in class, 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell, which is set in the Amazon rainforest.

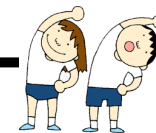
We will be learning how to weave, making Carnival Masks for Rio, and also designing and making our own sandwiches as part of a 'healthy lunch.'

In RE we continue to explore Buddhism, before learning more about Christian traditions.

Our Science topics focus on Sound and then Animals including Humans - the children will be coming up with their own questions to investigate together as a class.



## P.E



Swimming will continue, for some children. The children continue to have one lesson with Mr. Airnes each week. Those children not taking part in swimming lessons will have a PE lesson with support from Blackpool FC Community Trust.