

# Summer Term

Year 4

Newsletter

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In Year 4, we have lots of activities planned for the summer term, including **swimming lessons** and the **Paxwold Residential Trip**, which will involve a variety of exciting and challenging outdoor activities.

Further details of these activities and arrangements to follow very shortly!

Our topic work in the summer term will be focused on the **Shang Dynasty and Ancient China** in **history** and **Rivers** in **geography**. In our history sessions, we will be learning about a wide range of factors relating to life in Ancient China and will be creating clay models based on the Terracotta Army in **Art**. In our Rivers topic, children will be investigating the ways in which rivers are created and the effects they have on landscapes.

In **Science** this term we will become experts in the use of classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of **living things**! We will learn about the 7 characteristics of a living thing; sort living things in a number of ways; make a dichotomous classification key to identify local invertebrates; make observational drawings and large-scale drawings of an insect. (Some of this work will be completed on our residential visit)

We will also be looking **teeth and our digestive system** in our Science lessons which links nicely with our **Cooking and Nutrition lessons in DT**! We are planning to run cooking sessions in small groups during the afternoon sessions as we have a small kitchen area available in school. We would really appreciate your support in supplying the ingredients for these sessions and we will be in touch very soon about when your child will be cooking and bringing home their baking.

This term, **English** will cover a variety of topics. This will include reading and writing information texts, non chronological reports and poetry. We will be reading Mr Stink by David Walliams and other stories written by him as we explore stories with humour.

In **Numeracy**, children will continue to improve their knowledge of decimals, money, time, Geometry (Angles, Position and direction), arithmetic, and of course, times tables!

Spanish will continue to be taught on Tuesday afternoons.

Please ensure your child has an outdoor PE kit on Tuesdays and Thursdays for our timetabled sessions.

This includes a suitable pair of trainers please.

We are looking forward to a very busy Summer term in Year 4!

