



Year 4 Newsletter—Summer 1

We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. We are sure that Summer 1 will be a busy yet exciting and fun half term, full of interesting lessons and opportunities for discovery. Our next topic is The Mayans and we are hoping to secure a Mayan historian to visit the school for a Mayan workshop. The date

Important Dates

Please see the school website www.westoverprimary.co.uk and the Headteacher's Newsletter for important whole school dates.

Whole School Book Fair

To be held in the hall from Tuesday 30th April until Friday 3rd May.

Friday 7th June 2019

The next payment of £48.00 for Stubbington is due Friday 7th June.

Mayan Visitor Workshop

Date TBC.

Our Year Team

Teachers:

Mrs Harris

Miss Parsons

HLTAs and TAs:

Mrs Sargeson

Mrs Slevin

Mrs Lush

Miss Tracy



Here's some of Squid Class sharing their World Book Day stories with the year 3s in Lobster Class.

Important Messages

Contact telephone numbers - please contact the school office to notify us of any changes in contact details.

We appreciate your support with helping your children to complete homework. We endeavour to mark it on a Tuesday and send out new homework on a Wednesday.

Children have the opportunity to change their library books every Tuesday afternoon. This book is read every morning during shared reading time. Any extra reading your child can do at home is a great help to your child's learning and we thank you for your continued support with this.

Our Topic this half term is The Mayans

All of our History work this half term will be focussed on the Mayans and our class reader will be Michael Morpurgo's 'The Wreck of the Zanzibar'.

What your children will be learning in each of the curriculum subjects this half term

Subject	What the children will be learning:
English	<i>Our writing this half term will be based on the story, 'The Wreck of the Zanzibar' by Michael Morpurgo. We will be writing a diary entry based on the story characters, carry out hot-seating to help inspire our writing and we also write a non-chronological report based on Mayan life in Topic.</i>
Maths	<i>This half term our Maths will more decimals work, looking at reasoning tasks and deepening our understanding. Then, we will move onto money and using our decimal knowledge to work with decimals in a new con-</i>
Art	<i>We hope to be working with colour and sketching Mayan patterns. We will also print our patterns using bright, vibrant paints.</i>
Computing	<i>Computing will be a recap into how to use repetition loops in coding and using keyboard inputs to control a game.</i>
Music	<i>In Music, we will be using Musical Express to investigate sounds from around the world.</i>
RE and PHSE	<i>In RE, we will explore Devotion in Hinduism and learn about a new faith and how Hindus show devotion to their Gods. PHSE will involve us learning about ourselves and developing our confidence to be the best we can be. We will also focus on making the most of our abilities.</i>
PE	<i>Our PE lessons will involve striking and fielding skills, which will eventually build up to playing whole games of rounders.</i>
French	<i>This half term, we will be working on naming shops, asking for items at the shop and asking for simple directions.</i>
History	<i>With the Mayans as our topic, History will involve a range of exciting tasks looking at Mayan Gods, Mayan daily life, the Mayan Calendar and Mayan food and drink. We hope Year 4 will be inspired further by our visitor, who will give us an exciting, hands on workshop into the Mayans.</i>
Science	<i>Science this half term will be sound—we will investigate the noisiest and quietest places within the school and discover how sound works.</i>

Homework

Homework will be given to children on a Wednesday and needs to be returned as soon as it is completed but no later than by the following Tuesday.

Spellings will be given out on a Friday.

Year 4 PE Days

Squids: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Penguins: Tuesdays and Fridays

Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school on these days. PE kit should be left at school and taken home each half term to be washed.

Year Homework for this half term:

- There will be lots of homework activities including Maths and Writing tasks, as well as Mayan inspired activities.
- Please can we ask that you encourage your child to continue to use Times Table Rock Stars at home. We are seeing great improvements to times table fluency!
- Spelling practice at home for the weekly tests will benefit your child immensely. Thank you.

Year 4 Library Days

Squid Class: Tuesday

Penguin Class: Tuesday

Year 4 group notices

A special mention goes to Corey Stamp and Cameron Vincent of Squid Class and Dylan Taylor and Hadley Clark of Penguin Class. As part of the year 4 and 5 football squad, the boys beat all the competition eventually winning this year's football league! Congratulations. It's such a pleasure to hear of their great teamwork and sportsmanship.

Many thanks for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.