

Year 4 Newsletter May 2024

Welcome to the fifth newsletter of the academic year!

It's been yet another half term that has flown by. The children have continued to work incredibly hard on a range of genres in writing. The children have been particularly engaged with writing a story about an old camera that washes up on shore.

The children are getting increasingly excited about the residential trip to Hooke court next half term. You should have received a letter, letting you know what the children will need to bring with them. We will go through this at the parent talk on the 3rd of June and any other information from the talk will be shared with parents afterwards. For those children who are remaining in school, they will be completing a project on the Vikings.

The year 4 team would like to wish you a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back for their last half term of year 4.

Mrs Cumberbeach and the year 4 team

Homework

All the children are now completing their weekly homework. Please remember that our expectations are

- CGP Maths book
- Times Table Rockstars 10 minutes practice per week
- Spelling practice – weekly spelling list in their HSO
- SPAG.COM
- Reading 5/7 days to be recorded in their HSO along with a reflection from the reading target task.

Each task should last at least 10 minutes.

We also ask that you sign your child's HSO each week.

If you have any queries about homework, please email your class teacher.

Summer assessments

Next half term, we will be taking part in assessments for reading, SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and maths using NTS formal assessments. Teachers will also be assessing writing using the independent writing activities which the children have already completed over the previous half term. As a school we use this information, along with in-class teacher judgements, to map out our future planning, intervention groups and highlight any gaps in knowledge which may need to be taught again.

Teachers and senior leadership (which includes Mr Stevenson, our Assistant Head Teacher with responsibility for inclusion and SEND) meet to discuss all children within our termly 'Pupil Progress Meetings'.

We will let you know how your child has performed in their end of year report which will be sent out on to you on 19th July.

Book bands will also change if appropriate, based on these assessments.

Communication.

If you would like to contact your child's class teacher, please e-mail:

Acer – Mrs Gunning (Monday – Wednesday) g.gunning@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Mrs Ghalami (Thursday – Friday) a.ghalami@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Palm – Mrs Cumberbeach r.cumberbeach@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Pine- Miss Lines j.lines@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Multiplication Times Table Check

The Multiplication Times Table Check (MTC) is a statutory test for all Year 4 pupils in England. The purpose of the Multiplication Times Table Check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12.

Pupils are tested on their ability to answer 25 multiplication questions online. They have six seconds to answer each question. This year, the multiplication times table checks will be undertaken by all eligible year 4 pupils between Monday 3 June and Friday 14 June.

Times Table Rockstars



Next half term we will be running a range of year group battles for Times Table homework activities.

Not only will this be an opportunity to compete against one another but a chance for the children to improve their score and total over the battles.

Next half term, year 4 will be taking part in the Together with Music project at Kettlewell Hill Care Home. The project is an intergenerational network centred around connection, community and music. We will need volunteers to walk to and from Kettlewell Hill. Please let the office know if you are able to help.

Week 1 - Pine - 6th June 10.45-11.45am (leaving school at 10:15)

Week 2 – Pine - 13th June 10.45-11.45am (leaving school at 10:15)

Week 3 – Palm - 20th June 10.45-11.45am (leaving school at 10:15)

Week 4 – Palm - 27th June 10.45-11.45am (leaving school at 10:15)

Week 5 – Acer - 4th July 10.45-11.45am (leaving school at 10:15)

Week 6 – Acer - 11th July 10.45-11.45am (leaving school at 10:15)



Wow Work!

Welcome! How are all of you marvellous molecules! I say we will
be looking at the water cycle. I will take you on a journey
of H₂O! Are you ready? 😊

Perfect! The sun is scorching hot! Can you feel the heat
on your skin? Or should I say sunbake?
Feel the burn? It's as hot as lava!

When we get too hot, we heat up and turn into a gas.
Now this is where the sun begins! We will now rise
into the atmosphere! Yay! This is called evaporation.

Bummer! Frosty like a glacier isn't it? Come here struggle
up together! When you cool down, you return into liquid
and form some clouds. This is called condensation.

Every year group newsletter this year will include a piece of writing published from a child in our year group. It is a great way to showcase what we have been doing in school but also to allow the children to see their writing can have an audience.

This half term's work has been written by Jamie in Acer. Within this piece of work, Jamie has included lots of relevant information to create an engaging factual tour of the water cycle. He has also worked hard on his handwriting. Well done, Jamie!

Summer 2 skills

Acer Swimming with Mrs Tapley and skills with Mrs Dayekh (Mondays)

Palm PE with Complete Coaching (Mondays)

Pine PE with Mr Coles (Mondays)

Forest School: please see "diary dates" overleaf for dates. Full details will be emailed separately.

Summer 2 topics

Next term, Year 4 will be looking forward to learning the following topics:

- Maths: Shape, statistics, position & direction
- Geography: What are rivers and how are they used?
- Art: Design fabric of nature: natural patterns and fabric
- Music: Changes in pitch tempo and dynamics (rives)
- PSHE: Changing Me
- RE: Thematic: How do people try to make the world a fairer place?
- Science: Animals, including humans.
- Computing: Audio Editing (Bandlab)

Don't forget, in the Year 4 section of our school website, you can view our knowledge organisers that we use in our afternoon lessons, that outline the key learning that will take place.

Diary Dates

May	24th May : Last day of half term 25th May- 2nd June : Half term
June	3rd June : Back to school 3rd June : Hooke Court Parents Talk 2:30 in hall 3rd June – 14th June : Multiplication times table check 6th June : Forest School, Palm class group 1 8th June : PTA Pop Up Plant Sale, the Horsell Village School, 9:30 – 12:30 w/c 10th June : Assessment week 13th June : Forest School, Acer, both groups 17^h June – 19th June : Hooke Court residential 20th June : Forest School, Palm class group 2 21st June : PTA Summer Fair Donations and mufti day 27th June : Palm forest school, both groups
July	3rd July : Sports day 4th July : Forest school, Pine class, group 1 5th July : Competitive sports day 6th July : PTA Summer fair 11th July : Forest school, Pine class, group 2 17th July : Handover morning (meet your new teacher) 18th July : Year 3- 5 prize giving AM and celebration evening 18th July : Forest school, Pine class, whole group 19th July : Reports to go home 22nd July : Last day of term- early finish 1:30pm 23rd July : INSET day