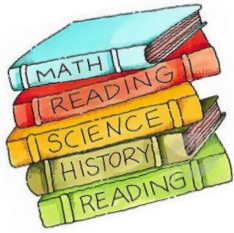


Year 4 Coffee Morning



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope your child has settled into life in Year 4 and is enjoying their time so far. This term our topic is called '**Sand V Stone**' an exciting topic based on the Stone Age and the Egyptians. We have already had a stunning starter introducing the children to various aspects of life in both the Stone Age times and the Ancient Egyptians times. The topic covers a range of skills and knowledge and further information can be found on the year 4 curriculum page of the school website <https://www.callington-ji.cornwall.sch.uk/year-4-2/>. Please also check our class pages on the school website for photo updates, important information and homework.

Important Information

- **Guided Reading** – Every child in the class will participate in guided reading every day for half an hour. Mondays and Fridays will be focused on our class book which is currently 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King. The children will also study a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts. During the sessions, the children will cover a range of objectives: **fluency, vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, sequence** and **summarise**.
- **Reading at Home** – Across the school, we ask that all children to read regularly independently and to an adult. When the children have read with their adult please could we ask this is to be recorded in their school reading record.
 - **Recommended Reads** – Attached to this letter, you will find a sheet containing recommended reads for children in year 4. These are high quality texts that, depending on your child's stage in their reading journey, they may enjoy reading independently or sharing with an adult at home. These texts may be found in our local library or could make fantastic Christmas or birthday presents.
- **Maths fluency** – This term our fluency focus will be recapping our number bonds to 100 and to divide and multiply by 6. It would be fantastic if you could encourage your child to practise these at home through activities such as verbal recall, Times Table Rock Stars or Hit the Button.
- **Literacy Skills** – Attached to this letter, you will find a document outlining the skills that your children will be learning in their literacy lessons this year.
- **P.E** – Tuesday (outdoors) and Friday (indoors). The children should come to school in their PE kit as per previous communications. Alternative sports sessions will continue to happen once a half term. The first one is on the 6th of October. Next half term, the children will have the opportunity to go swimming. This will be a 5 session course over a period one week at Mount Kelly.

- **PPA Time** – In Orange 1, on every other Wednesday (pm), the class will be covered by Mrs Carter. In Orange 2, on every Wednesday (pm) will be Mrs Holman.
- **Homework** – Spelling homework will now be uploaded onto the class page on our school website on a Friday. We ask that the children learn the spellings over the week as they will still be tested on a Friday. We would also like the children to regularly log onto their times table rock stars' account to practice their times tables. Please also remember to support your child to read regularly.
- **PSHE** – Children will take part in Forest School sessions once a half term. On these days, children will need to bring suitable clothing appropriate for the weather conditions of that day. They will also need a spare set of clothes and shoes. Our first forest school session will be on Tuesday 18th October.
- **Cooking** - During the school year, every child will have the opportunity to cook a two course meal with about 5 other children in their class. We ask that the children bring in a contribution towards this meal at the cost of a school dinner. Your child will be sent home a letter when it is their turn to cook.
- **Treyarnon Bay** – It is currently expected that this year's residential trips will go ahead. In year 4, the children will be given the opportunity to visit Treyarnon Bay. This year, every child in Year 4 will have the opportunity to go away for 4 nights on a residential. The dates are: 22nd May till 25th May. Further information will be provided at a later date.
- **Times tables** – Times tables is a big focus this year as the children will be completing a statutory times table assessment from the government. These will be carried out on computers and are very similar to the Times Tables Rockstars that the children are already doing. We will spend more time in school also on TTRS to make sure the children are prepared. More information to follow next year.

We welcome parents to pop in and view our new learning environments and meet the teacher on Thursday 22nd September after school until 3:15.

If you have any questions or concerns over the year, please do not hesitate to talk us at the end of the day or drop us an email. We aim to reply to any emails between 8am and 4:30pm.

Many Thanks,

Miss Treasure, Miss Widdison and Mrs Truscott.