

Dear Children, parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely break. So nice to see the sun this week!

This term, On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, we will be focussing on our play rehearsal. We have only 4 weeks (12 practices) until the dress rehearsal! With this in mind, we would really appreciate your help with learning lines, the song lyrics and making suitable costumes ready for the performances on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th. We will provide further information about performance days and tickets nearer the time.

As working together on our performance is the focus this term, we are not setting a weekly home learning task for Topic. Instead, we are setting the challenge of writing and publishing a story with at least four chapters. This is a chapter each week ready for submitting your published mini novels which will be displayed in our classes for other children to read and enjoy. A book cover, illustrations and a suitable blurb on the back will help make your story appealing to others. Please hand in your story on Tuesday 2nd April. Your story can be on any theme / genre you like. This is your chance to show off your imagination and creativity.

Home Learning

Maths home learning will continue as normal. Children will continue to be tested on their spellings every Friday and the words they are expected to learn for their year group. Spellings will be given out every week for your children to practise at home. In addition to weekly home learning, we expect all children to:

- Read daily (with an adult or independently)
- Practise times tables, with division facts in a mixed order, up to 12 x 12 (www.multiplication.com and 'hit the button' are great websites for this.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Well done to all the children who have been making a real effort to use TTRS; Class 4 have been making fantastic use and have seen their average response time reduce and accuracy improve greatly.

Please make use of this school funded resource. The Rt. Hon Damian Hinds MP, Secretary of State for Education, mentioned Times Tables Rock Stars to the press

He said that his three children use TT Rock Stars and he described TTRS as "**engaging, competitive and improved their arithmetic**". What better recommendation!

For year 4 pupils, this is particularly important ready for the Statutory Multiplication Tables Check.

General Reminders...

Bristol Zoo

Payment is now due for our Bristol Zoo trip. There are still a significant number of payments outstanding. Without your voluntary donations we will be unable to fund the trip. Please ensure that all permission slips are returned to school and payment is made via the online payment system.

PE

For the Spring term PE will continue to be on **Monday afternoon for Y3 and Monday and Friday for Y4**

Forest School sessions:

| Y3 | Y4 |
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| Wednesday 13 th March | Tuesday 12 th March Wednesday 3 rd April |

Miss Boase and Miss Redman