

Summer Term 2021

Welcome back to school, I hope everyone enjoyed a lovely Easter Break. The children have all worked so hard over the last few terms and now are ready to embed all their learning into two big topics which will run over the Summer term. To start with we shall jump into the past exploring the lives of the Ancient Egyptians. We will hopefully have a trip to Torquay museum, but this will depend on the rules surrounding Covid. We shall then be heading North to discover the places and people of Scotland, Finland and Alaska. With lots of art, stories and creative experiences the children will really enjoy this learning.

Home learning

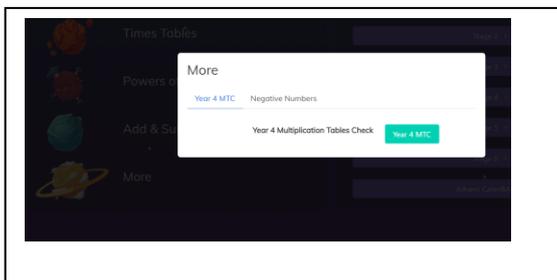
Reading

We are having a big push on reading at school and with the added time of Miss Henty and Miss Yola we are in a really great position to hear them lots at school too. Please continue to focus on this at home. Daily reading is so important and I was so impressed with how well the children managed this during lockdown I just want to keep it going. We will award certificates as incentives at school so don't forget to add up all the hours of reading.

Times Tables

The children have really been working hard with their times table knowledge and making good progress on the Friday time challenge. They will be doing the Government Y4 times table check this year. It is an online game where they answer random times table facts from all tables. They are given so many seconds before the question closes. It has in the past been more about their typing speed and general ability not to panic under pressure so I want them to

have the opportunity to practise the format which is part of the maths shed.



Spelling

Finally, spellings need to be part of the weekly routine for home learning. This is not to be considered a test, the last thing we want is for children to become stressed about spellings however they do need to learn them. I will also be directly teaching spelling rules and issuing the weekly spellings and then there are games for the children to practise them too. We do our spelling check on Fridays.

Separate information will go out for our residential trip. I will organise a meeting online in the next few weeks.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can help you with. We are all looking forward to getting back to normal and hopefully we get a chance to say hello to you all in person before the year has ended!

Kind Regards,

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