

# Dates for the Diary

- ⇒ **Grendon information evening: 3.30pm Wednesday 31st January**
- ⇒ **Half Term Holiday: Monday 12th – Friday 16th February**
- ⇒ **Book week 26th February—2nd March**
- ⇒ **Sport Relief: Friday 23rd March**
- ⇒ **Assessment Week: 12th March**
- ⇒ **Parents' Evening: Monday 26th March and Tuesday 27th March**
- ⇒ **Year 4 play - 2pm on Tuesday 27th March and 6pm on Wednesday 28th March**
- ⇒ **Easter at the church: 10am Thursday 29th March**
- ⇒ **End of term: 1.30pm Thursday 29th March**
- ⇒ **Europe project deadline: Friday 20th April**
- ⇒ **Grendon payment deadline: Friday 4th May**
- ⇒ **GRENDON Residential: 6th -**



# Equipment

- ⇒ **Trainers for outdoor P.E.**
- ⇒ **Labelled, clear, water bottles**
- ⇒ **P.E. clothes for indoor and outdoor activities (suitable for cold weather!)**
- ⇒ **Swimming costume (one-piece) / trunks, swimming cap and towel for swimming (must provide note if goggles are needed)**

# Additional Info.

- ⇒ **Please note that jewellery must not be worn in school (small studs and watches are the exception, but must be removed during PE lessons or when swimming).**
- ⇒ **HOMEWORK:** In accordance with our homework policy, Year 4 pupils will be set the following on a weekly basis:-
  - **Spellings - (To practise spellings within sentences. Test on a Friday and new lists every Friday)**
  - **European project - Children have been handed their project and are encouraged to complete a piece of work every fortnight before handing it all in on 20th April.**
  - **Maths – extra practise (weekly every Friday) Also to continue with times tables practice. This may be Mathematics, which needs access to a computer.**
  - **Reading (3 times a week to an adult) and for children to record their thoughts and give book reviews in their reading diary.**
  - **Any extra work/research on current topics is encouraged and rewarded.**



# King's Meadow School



# CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

# SPRING TERM 2018

# Year 4

# Welcome to the Spring Term

Our topic this term is Europe. We will be looking at map work, researching different cultures and exploring links between countries. We will also look at tourism around the continent.



During our Science lessons, we are learning about solids, liquids and gases. Later in the term we will be moving onto looking at 'All Living Things'.

In Art, we will be using our European topic as inspiration and looking at some famous European artists. In D&T, we will continue this theme by creating a European menu in food technology.

In computing this term, children will focus on coding using coding.com. We will also be using Microsoft Word, Publisher, iPads and the internet as part of classroom activities.

We start PE this term with fitness and swimming. In Term 4, we will move onto tennis.

We will also be spending time on preparing for our Year 4 production of 'The Keymaster' which will be performed at the end of March.

# Literacy

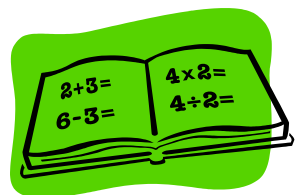
This term, we will be looking at explanation texts, play scripts, riddles and stories set in imaginary worlds.

We will continue to emphasise to children the importance of spelling, punctuation and grammar and we ask that children continue practising spelling patterns at home.



Pupils will continue to select appropriate reading material from the library and outside of school. We encourage children to change their books regularly and to keep track of this in their reading record.

Children have been asked to record regular comments in their reading diaries, alongside any parent signatures. Children can earn prizes, homework passes and housepoints. A termly reading champion will also be taken on a treat - do you fancy a trip to pizza express, the cinema or bowling?



Guided reading groups and individual reading will continue as usual.

# Maths

A range of topics will be covered in Maths this term. Please encourage your children to continue practising their 4x, 6x, 7x, 8x and 9x tables.

As previously explained, encouraging children to practise everyday skills such as handling money, asking time problems and weighing food in the kitchen will contribute towards the children's numerical development. Extra maths homework will be rewarded.

## MATHLETICS

Hopefully by now, you have had the opportunity to see your child enjoying their new Mathletics membership. This term, our Maths homework will be set on Mathletics, with tasks being allocated on Thursday and checked on the following Friday.

As well as compulsory tasks, there is plenty of opportunity for your child to play games and compete with other children in order to earn points. There are class and individual leader boards, and the chance to win certificates.

If you experience any problems accessing the website or app, please come and see the class teacher.