28th April 2017

Year 4 – Summer Term Letter

General Reminders:
- Children should have a cartridge pen AND cartridges in school at all times.
- We would prefer plain zip up pencil cases that do not cause distractions within the class

Homework reminder
Maths homework will be assigned on Mathletics. Your child will receive a password so that they can access this program at home.
English homework will be set on DB Primary and completed in their homework books. This will be available on DB primary from Wednesday and must completed by the following Tuesday. If homework is not completed by the set time the children will have to do this during their break time.

Reading reminder
Each classroom has reading racers charts to ensure the children read a range of genres. Your child is expected to read at least ten minutes every day with an adult. Children can earn reading rewards for completing a certain number of reads. Each time you hear your child read you must sign their Reading Record book. Mrs Beasley will count up the number of reads each Friday.

This term’s subject areas
Our main topic is The Great Exhibition- Victorian inventions. We will also be learning about electricity, light and sound in Science this half term and Changing State in the 2nd half term. In R.E we will be learning about Islam. We will also be learning about the artist and designer William Morris. A more detailed overview of the term is available on the school website. In music will be building on the children’s knowledge of stave notation by continuing to learn the recorder. Please could children bring in their recorders if they have one of their own.

Visits
We will be visiting Chelmsford and Essex Museum on Monday 5th June in relation to our topic. Please let us know if you are able to help on the visit.

Swimming
Miss Barnes’s class will be swimming on a Thursday afternoon this term. Please make sure your child has a swimming costume, goggles, towel and swim hat with them. Earrings must be removed for swimming; please remove them at home if necessary. Please let us know if you are able to help.

Earrings and Hair accessories
The only jewellery permitted in school is simple stud earrings which the child should be able to remove themselves for swimming and PE.

School Rules and Equipment
Water Bottles
Every child should bring a named water bottle to school every day. There are water stations where children can refill their bottles if necessary.
**Summer precautions**

Ensure your child has a sun hat and sun cream as appropriate.

**Uniform**

Most children look very smart but a few are not wearing correct uniform. **Trainers are not allowed**; children should wear smart, flat school shoes. Girls’ socks should be plain white and boys’ socks should be plain black or grey. Girls’ summer dresses/divided skirt dresses should be knee length.

**EVERY ITEM OF SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOULD BE NAMED**

**Hairstyles**

Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed. Girls’ hair accessories should be black or blue.

**PE Kit**

Summer PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. Some children only have plimsolls which are not suitable for outdoors. For chilly days you may still want to include a black tracksuit.

**EVERY ITEM OF PE KIT SHOULD BE NAMED**

**Bags**

School bags should be a book bag (Reception and KS1) or a drawstring type rucksack (KS2) as space is very limited in our cloakrooms.

Thank you for helping with these issues to make things run as smoothly as possible.


Miss Barnes and Mrs Clifton