

### Other Information

#### Reading:

Children **must** remember to bring home their reading record and a reading book every night. Discussing with your child what they have read really helps them develop their comprehension skills, and regular reading helps the child to become a more confident and fluent reader. Any child failing to hand in their reading record **at 9.00** more than twice in a week will be given detention. We would love to win points for the whole school challenge, so please remind your child to read and bring their diary every day.

#### PE Kit:

Please make every effort to ensure that your child brings in their PE kit on the correct days, including appropriate shoes in case they are taken outside for P.E. P.E. kits should be kept in school and will be sent home each half term to be washed. The day for PE is **Monday**. If all children in a class have their kits, the class receives 10 points!

#### Homework

Please remember that homework is given out on a **Tuesday** and due in by the following **Monday**. This will be a spelling activity with words to learn and a piece of maths and literacy work to complete. It is fine to help your child with these and you may wish to mark the maths as part of the process.

# Duncombe Primary School

## Parents Information

SUMMER Term (2)

Upper Phase

Year: 4

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to your child's final term in Year 4! This booklet should help to explain some of the things your child will be doing in class this term. If you would like to discuss anything with us, please feel free to approach us at the end of the day or book an appointment.



Yours faithfully,

Shelley, Tania and Clair

## English

In literacy this half term we will be exploring stories from other cultures including Africa, Australia and India. This will be linked with our theme for this half term: Animals. We will also continue our work on VCOP - Vocabulary (adjectives, adverbs, powerful verbs); Connectives (although, because, so, but...); Openers (-ing verbs, -ly words...); Punctuation (commas, speech marks, question marks...).

## Maths

This half term will be a review of what we have learned in maths year. Children will study fractions and decimals, solve word problems, convert units of measurement and consolidate written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

A timetable test will be carried out regularly to assess the children's progress. If your child does not know their timetables, **please practice these at home!**

## Science

Our topic this term is Habitats. We will investigate the different habitats that animals have and reasons for this. We will find insects that live by the pond in our school and use information texts to identify these. We will also look at food chains.

## ICT

Our new I.C.T. room is now complete and children will work with out I.C.T. experts Daniel and Camilla over three weeks to help them create their own wildlife documentary

## Topic

Our new topic is Animals. Children will learn about different types of animals and make animal pop up books. Year 4 will also begin a Shakespeare project that they will be doing in the first term of Year 5. We will visit the Globe Theatre in continuation of our Theatre topic last half term.

## R.E/P.S.H.C.E

In circle times we will learn talk about ourselves and discuss relationships. We will have weekly candle stories in which we will read stories from different religions and discuss their moral messages.

## P.E

In P.E. we will learn all about the skills and techniques involved in athletics. We will practise discus, shot put long jump and other athletics skills leading up to Duncombe sports day.

## Philosophy for Children

We will continue to have weekly philosophy lessons in which children will be taught to raise questions, suggest answers and respond thoughtfully to the comments of others.

## Music

Year 4 children will continue to develop their musical skills by learning an instrument and playing in an orchestra. Professional musicians will teach the children on a weekly basis.

## French

Every other Thursday morning the children in Year 4 will continue to be taught French by their specialist teacher Aranzazou. Children will complete follow-up activities the next week and play French games.