



## Year 4 Weekly update: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday, and we look forward to meeting you this week.

Swimming: lessons in Archway pool start on Monday. Children need their swimming kit.

Music: music lessons start on Wednesday – children need to bring in their violins.

PE: Football lessons will start on Monday. Children need their PE kit and trainers.

Attendance party, for 100% attendance and punctuality, will take place on Monday afternoon.

### Maths:

Children will revise expectations for presentation in books, and will practise their times tables and number facts.

### Guided Reading and English:

Children will revise expectations for Accelerated Reader in Guided Reading.

They will write a recount of their summer holiday, focussing on writing for sense, full stops and capital letters, spelling and handwriting.

### Topic:

Our new topic is *Africa*. We are delighted to welcome Anna from *Africa Experience* this Thursday. Anna will lead African storytelling, drama and dancing in the top hall. We are sure the children will have lots of fun learning about African culture and tradition.

### PSHE / RE:

We will read the story *Silly Billy* by Anthony Browne, a story about a boy who worries. Children will make their own worry doll, and will have the opportunity to discuss any worries about starting in a new year group.

Ruth from *Judaism for Schools* will run workshops this Friday morning about the Jewish New Year.

Children will be encouraged to consider the new year in a range of cultures, and what it means for them to be starting a new academic year.

### Homework:

Homework will be given out on Friday. Children will hand in their completed homework on Thursday. Homework club is on Thursday lunchtime in Shakespeare class, if your child would like additional support. Topic and science are optional; spellings, times tables and Athletics are compulsory every week. Please practise spelling and times tables at least three times a week.

### Reading:

Reading is the most important way that you can support your child at home.

Children in Year 4 are expected to read for 30 minutes every day, preferably with some adult support, and diaries will be checked every morning.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a wonderful year together.