



Dunmore School Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely break over Easter. This letter is to inform you of everything we will be learning about in Year 4 over the next two terms. We are really excited about the Stone Farm residential and much of our work in Term 5 will be based around our experiences on residential, including the Year 4 assembly, at 9am on Wednesday 17th May.

Our topics this term are: Living Things and their Habitats and The Maya	
Linked to our residential at Stone Farm, we will be studying different local habitats and the plants and animals that live there.	
For our Maya topic, we will be learning about the Maya lifestyle, key Maya leaders and food around the world, including the story of chocolate.	
<p>Literacy</p> <p>We will be looking at and performing a range of poetry including 'Dinosaur Rap' and 'Blame'.</p> <p>After the Stone Farm residential we will be planning and writing newspaper reports based on a fictional event in Dartmoor! The students will be in role as journalists at a press conference in the hall.</p> <p>During Term 6 our focus will be on stories from other cultures and play scripts.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>In terms 5 and 6, we will be continuing to build on written and mental methods for all four operations and applying this to solving a range of word problems.</p> <p>We are learning all about the links between fractions, decimals, percentages.</p> <p>In shape we are classifying different quadrilaterals and looking at features of 3D shapes.</p> <p>We will be plotting a variety of graphs, including bar charts, line graphs and using them to answer some tricky data handling questions.</p>
<p>Science</p> <p>We are studying habitats and classifications of plants and animals.</p> <p>We will be using dichotomous keys and making our own, to identify different plants and animals.</p> <p>We will be adding to our scientific vocabulary when we think of different ways animals and plants can be grouped, for example <i>oviparous</i> animals (egg laying)!</p>	<p>Computing</p> <p>In computing we will be looking at the use of spread sheets and databases.</p> <p>In term 6 we are building on coding skills such as debugging programmes, as well as exploring at how the internet works.</p>
<p>Other Subjects</p> <p>P.E. We will be trying our hand at a range of sports this term including tennis, summer games and adventurous team building games.</p>	

Music

In music we will learn to play the ukulele.

Geography and History

History will focus on the Maya civilisation and in geography we will be looking closer to home, exploring the counties and cities of the UK.

DT

The DT project will be inspired to food around the world including making tortillas.

Important Information	
Class Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Set on a Friday ✓ Due in following Friday ✓ The Year 4 teachers will have a homework help session for those unable to complete it at home ONE lunch time per week. Please see your class teacher for more details.
Reading books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Children need an independent reading book in school every day. This can be a book from home or one from school.
Requests	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please continue to practise times tables with your child throughout the week. We find that little and often is the best way to learn. This can be through songs, apps or games. • Children should be reading regularly at home as well as school. Books can be changed within school during the school day. 	
Key Dates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday (children not in school) • Wednesday 17th May 9am – Stone Farm assembly • Friday 26th May – INSET Day (children not in school) • Tuesday 27th June – Sports Day • Tuesday 11th July – Open evening • Friday 21st July – End of Term 	

Year 4 Team

Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Brooks and Dr Strange