



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We hope you had a restful and relaxing summer and are feeling ready for a new and exciting year ahead!

Please can all uniforms be labelled with your child's name to ensure we can do our best to return any lost property.

PE will be on **Wednesday**. Children should wear their uniforms as usual and bring their PE kit to change into.

We will also be having swimming lessons at Osprey on a **Tuesday** afternoon, so please send your child in with their swimming things.

Homework

Reading: Everyday for 20 minutes

Maths: Weekly, set on a Friday, due next Friday on TTRockstars.

Spellings: set each Friday

Topic: Please see the attached sheet.

As always if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Dear, Miss Johnson, Miss Chapman and Mr Jarman

OUR DRIVING QUESTION

What is the best way to promote a trip to our chosen destination?

AS WRITERS we will be studying **The Secret of the Night Train** by **Slyvia Bishop**. Linked to our Destination Europe topic, our main writing focus will be persuasive writing. We will also be writing some descriptive pieces linked to destinations explored in our class text.

AS MATHEMATICIANS we will revisit place value and the four operations to cement and build upon prior knowledge. We will move onto numbers up to 10,000 and addition and subtraction with renaming. We will continue our work on our times tables.

AS GEOGRAPHERS we will explore key European countries and cities described in our class text.

AS COMPUTER SCIENTISTS we will focus on e-safety and being safe on the internet.

As SPORTS STARS, we will be using all the skills we built-up in Year 3 to begin playing Invasion Games (football, netball, tag-rugby basketball,) and developing individual skill and learning teamwork within sport.

AS SCIENTISTS we are going to be learning about how we know if an organism is living or non- living. We will also investigate how different organisms are classified into their different groups, moving from vertebrates and invertebrates into their many sub-groups.

AS MUSICIANS we will be learning a harvest song as well as using the glockenspiels to play **This Little Light of Mine** by Ray Charles.

AS DESIGNERS we will be creating night lights out of recycled materials

AS CITIZENS (PSHCE/RE) we will be looking at what it means to be who we are in our world and learning about the religion of Judaism.

IN FRENCH we will be learning some key bits of phonics to support us in developing our French speaking skills.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Please remember to send your child to school with their reading book every day and bring a clear, labelled drink bottle that can be refilled with water.

DESTINATION EUROPE



HOW CAN WE, AS TOUR GUIDES, PROMOTE A TRIP TO
OUR CHOSEN EUROPEAN DESTINATION?

Termly homework

Choose as many as you wish to complete at home and bring into school, or add a photo to google classroom for us to display.

Create a model of a European landmark.

Aspire Task 1 - Try European food.

Imagine you are planning a trip by train around Europe. Write a diary about your journey and the places you visited.

Create a poster all about a city in Europe. Persuade the reader to come and visit your chosen city.

Create Top Trump style cards about the Capital Cities of Europe.

Take a walk around Portland and make a list of all the man made and natural features you see.

Create a jigsaw of the countries in Europe.

Label a map of Europe with all the capital cities.

Create a treasure map and write a list of instructions using coordinates and compass points