

Year Four Summer Term Newsletter – The Banquet

Dear Parents and Carers,

May I welcome you all back to a new school term. I hope you have all had an enjoyable Easter and a well-deserved rest. Our topic this term is called 'The Banquet' wherein Year 4 will be learning about one of England's most famous monarchs; King Henry VIII.

As **Historians** we will be studying life in Tudor times. We will be researching evidence of the music, clothes, past-times and culture of these days and learning about some of the famous explorers. To support the children's learning we will also have an educational trip
- **Details to follow.**

During **English** the children will be writing their own stories. Our focus will be to encourage a greater emphasis on detail and description as well as encouraging pupils to paragraph and organise their writing.

In **Maths** we shall be using our place value knowledge for calculations and trying to get even speedier with our multiplication table facts. We will also be solving problems with money and measures especially in cooking and banqueting!

In **ICT** we will be creating our own digital music.

In **RE** our spiritual and moral development we will: explore the responsibilities that come with power. What makes a strong moral leader? Does the evidence of Tudor times tell us anything about morals?

Important Reminders

Please remember that we have swimming every Monday and PE every Wednesday. Please ensure that children have the appropriate kit on these days.

Class assembly will be 11 May 2016 at 3:00pm Year 4 parents and carers are welcome.

Finally please don't hesitate to arrange a meeting to talk to any of us to raise any further questions or queries. Teachers are in the playground at least 5 minutes before the bell in the morning, but if you would like a longer conversation then do come and see teachers at the end of the day or arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Kelly, Ms Poulter and Mrs Knotts

Year 4 Team

As **Scientists** we will be investigating the different phases or states of matter. Also we will be growing our own plants in the school's greenhouse.

In **Physical education** we will be continuing swimming on Mondays and starting tag rugby on Wednesdays.

Home Learning

As always reading at home with an adult will help raise the reading level for your child. Finding 10 quality minutes to read would be a benefit to all.

If you would like to support your child's home learning then here are some possible ideas linked to our topic. You are welcome to be as creative as you like.

Suggestions for project work:

- Find out about the Tudor Kings and Queens creating a fact file.
- Collect and try Tudor recipes.
- Find out about Tudor sports and which ones we still enjoy today.
- Can you find and try to sing or play King Henry's songs?