

## Year Four Summer Term Newsletter – The Banquet

Dear Parent/Carer,

First and foremost, I'd like to welcome you back to a new school term! I hope you have all had an enjoyable Easter and a good break. Our topic this term is called **The Banquet**.

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 continue to develop writing Algorithms and building towers using Mine craft.

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 Friday. Please ensure that children have the appropriate kit on these days.

Class assembly will be 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014 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 Hall, Mr Ali, Miss Gosling,

Year 4 Team

As **Scientist** we will be learning the names of different body parts including bones, muscles and organs. We will also learn about different habitats, using the school playground as an environment for learning.

In **Physical education** we will be continuing swimming and this term learning some exciting Theatre and Dance.

### **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 what ones we still have today
- Can you find and try to sing or play King Henry's songs?