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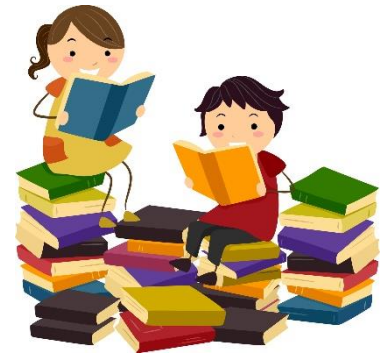


Summer 1 - Year 4

Welcome back to you all after our Easter holidays. We hope that you all had a lovely, relaxing break. Here are some details below about Summer 1 and the fantastic opportunities the children have.

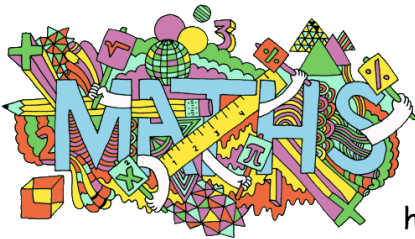
Core Subjects:

Reading: We will be continuing our focus on reading during our reading skills and guided reading sessions. Please try to read a minimum of 3 times a week. Children can record their reading themselves in the individual reading records, but can we please ask that an adult signs the record once a week. Reading records will be reviewed on a weekly basis. Reading is a crucial part of a child's development inside and outside of school.



Read Write Inc. Spelling

Writing: Children will start by writing a setting description using the fantastic space expedition 'Artimus II' as our focus. We will then move onto writing a persuasive advert.



Maths: The children will be taught according to the National Curriculum for Maths. We will be teaching maths in classes and assessing regularly to deliver the curriculum according to each child's individual learning needs. Each week we will study a different mathematical concept and have a pre-test at the start of the week and post-test at the end to help

us assess progress. In this term children will be studying symmetry, reading Roman Numerals and how to solve addition and subtraction two-step problems in contexts. They will then estimate, compare and calculate money in pounds and pence, before learning how to solve simple measure and money problems involving fractions and decimals to two decimal places.

7x

1 x 7 = 7
2 x 7 = 14
3 x 7 = 21
4 x 7 = 28
5 x 7 = 35
6 x 7 = 42
7 x 7 = 49
8 x 7 = 56
9 x 7 = 63
10 x 7 = 70
11 x 7 = 77
12 x 7 = 84

Times Tables are an essential part of learning in KS2. In the Summer Term, all Year 4 children across the country will take part in the Multiplications Check. This is to see where our children nationally are with their times table knowledge. Practicing and learning times tables is part of our daily teaching practice. We would ask that times tables are also practiced at home.

Our Year 4s continue to make fabulous progress in their Times Table knowledge. If you need a reminder of the log in for TTRS, please ask your class teacher.



Other curriculum areas:



- In Geography children will be studying 'My Region and Campania, Italy' - How do our areas differ?
- In PE children will be studying Tennis and tag/T1 rugby. Our PE days are Tuesday and Friday.
- Our Science topic will be 'States of Matter.' Children will be comparing and grouping materials together, according to whether

they are solids, liquids or gases. They will observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle

- In Computing children will start their term with a lesson on online safety. Following this, children will be using SCRATCH - Repetition in Games.
- In PSHE, the children will study 'Safety First'. (All the content of our PSHE lessons can be found on our website).

For further information, please feel free to visit the Curriculum section on our website [here!](#)

Homework:

Alongside this newsletter there will also be a grid of activities for Summer Term which link to the units covered in school. Children are asked to complete one (or more if you wish!) activity over the whole Summer term. These will be shared and displayed in the classroom.

We had some fabulous examples of home learning from the children throughout the Spring Term!

Online Resources: In Lower Key stage 2, we have a Linktree that shares some educational (and fun) websites that can support your child's progress at home. You can find this here: <https://linktr.ee/whinstone1ks2?scrlybrkr=39e19247>

Uniform

Please ensure all uniform/PE kit is clearly labelled with your child's name.

The Whinstone School uniform is:

- Black or grey skirt, trousers or shorts.
- White shirt, blouse or collared t-shirt.
- Royal Blue jumper or cardigan.
- Black flat soled shoes.

PE Kit

- * Suitable PE shoes or trainers
- * **Plain black** shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms. Please ensure that shorts are suitable for school - no hot pants.
- * **Plain white** T-shirt.
- * **Plain black** sweatshirt, fleece or hoody.

No other colours or large pictures/logos are acceptable for the sweatshirt, fleece or hoody.

NOTE: Football kits or football shirts are **not acceptable** for our PE lessons.

Also, please note:

- Jewellery - plain stud earrings, these must be removed for P.E.
- Any kind of necklaces, bracelets and rings are not permitted.

- Make up and nail varnish is not allowed.
- Long hair should be tied back.
- Skirts should not be too short; miniskirts are not allowed.
- Tights should be plain black, cream or grey and not patterned.
- No high heeled shoes.

Uniform with the school logo is not essential or expected - our uniform colour is available at most local supermarkets.

In school we have a stock of high quality, pre-loved uniform which is free of charge. If you wish to enquire about stock availability please email: newtoyou@whinstone.org.uk or contact the school office.

Water bottles:

All children require a water bottle for classroom use. This can contain plain water, flavoured water or sugar free cordial. No fizzy drinks.

We prefer the bottles with a sports style lid, to minimise spillages should the bottle be knocked over, but this is not essential.

Stationary:

We are happy if children want to bring their own pencil case. This could include, pencil, pencil sharpener, rubber, ruler or coloured pencils. However, we provide everything that our children need for their learning.

Named Clothing:

To avoid the distress of a child losing any clothing please ensure all items of clothing -including jumpers, coats, and all items of PE kit are labelled with your child's name. **This really helps when items are misplaced.**

Playtime Snacks:

Please bring a healthy snack such as a breakfast bar, vegetables and fruit. Breakfast bars are available to buy for 50p.

Key Dates this term:

Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd April - Parents Evenings

Tuesday 28th April - Judo taster sessions

Thursday 30th April - Whinstone's Got Talent

w/c Monday 4th May - Tennis taster sessions

Friday 8th May - Local MP visit and Google Internet Legends session

w/c Monday 11th May - Year 6 SATS examinations

Wednesday 13th May / Wednesday 20th May - Year 4 working with Yarm School (Microbits)

Friday 22nd May - Author and archaeologist visit

Summer 1 term ends - Friday 22nd May

If you have any concerns or wish to discuss an aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you,

The Year 4 team.