



## Year 4: Meerkats

### Summer Newsletter

April 2025

#### Welcome back!

It has been fantastic to see the children back at school after our Easter break, and it has been wonderful to see everyone returning to school with such a positive attitude to learning.

The Summer Term is always one that we look forward to for many reasons and hope the children are just as excited as we are about our last term together in Year 4. As ever, there will be plenty of opportunities for the children to show how much progress they have made and to learn new and exciting things.

#### Raiders and Traders

Our new topic is 'Raiders and Traders'. An exciting unit based on the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. We have also linked a new class text with this time in history. We have already started reading 'Invasion' by June Crebbin and the children have been very enthusiastic about the English lessons based on it. We have planned many exciting opportunities in our lessons for exploration and discovery. We're really looking forward to sharing new information and tasks about this interesting era of history. Furthermore, the children will have an opportunity to show off some of their art skills throughout the term as we use different mediums to produce art inspired by our topic.

This half term, we will be focusing on stories with historical settings, as well as reading and writing non-fiction texts. We will be studying key number skills, mass, volume, area and perimeter, geometry, position and movement and Roman numerals in our maths lessons. In science, we will be learning about the different states of matter. We will continue to have music lessons on Wednesdays, as well as Italian with Mrs Wheeler on Mondays.

Our PE slots for this half term are on **Monday** afternoons with Mrs Bray and **Thursday** morning with Conor. Athletics will take place on **Friday** afternoons on the field. Pupils should continue to come to school dressed in appropriate kit. Correct PE kit should consist of a t-shirt, shorts (or jogging bottoms) and footwear. Earrings should be taken

out or covered (please remember micropore tape), and hair should be tied back. We are aiming to use our school field as much as possible as the weather warms up!

Forest school will continue on Friday mornings, with half of the class attending whilst the other half does PSHE with Miss Bailey. They will then swap over. **Please be advised that the woodland area is natural and therefore the children will be exposed to brambles and nettles. Long sleeved tops and bottoms as well as a change of shoes or wellies, are essential.** There will be an opportunity for the children to change into shorts and t shirts for athletics afterwards, should they wish.

### Homework

As always, homework will be set every Thursday and is expected to be completed and returned to school by the following Tuesday. In addition to the homework that is set, all children should be reading at least three times a week at home and practising the weekly spellings on Spelling Frame. Please remember to access Oxford Owl, a brilliant free resource.

The Multiplication Check will take place shortly after the half-term break. The children should by now know all their times tables, and should be working on speed and accuracy by using Soundcheck on TTRS.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Hughes and Mrs Bray