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Dear Parents

Summer Term 2026 – Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to the Summer Term in Year 4. This term, more than any other, will be a very busy term.

English

In English, the children will be focusing on persuasive writing, and we aim to link this in with the work that we will be doing in geography on coasts. We will also be looking at how to write formal letters, in our case, a letter of complaint. They will also be learning how to promote Jersey's coastline using a green screen APP. We will be also reading our final class readers which are called 'Spiderwick Chronicles' and 'The Day the Whale Came'. Spellings continue to be set each week on Spelling Shed.

Mathematics

In maths, the children will continue their work on number (decimals-tenths and hundredths), shape and data as well as problem solving. We will also be looking at adding and subtracting amounts of money as well as mass, volume and length. Finally, by the end of term we will have also covered position and movement. By the end of Year 4 all children should know their tables up to 12 times 12 and we continue to appreciate your support at home with this-children should regularly practice this at home.

Science

In Science, children will learn about living things and their habitats, including how to group and classify them using simple identification keys. They will explore a variety of plants and animals in their local and wider environment. They will also learn about conservation, understanding how environments can change and how these changes can sometimes pose risks to living things.

IT

The children will be practicing their word processing to write letters as well as using stop motion to show how coastal erosion works and how stacks, caves and arches are formed.

Geography

The children will be looking at coasts and how they are formed. They will be looking at how we as humans use the coast and how to protect it. We will take the learning outside of the classroom onto a Jersey beach to look at the coastal features firsthand.

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Music

This term in music the Year 4 children will be learning a variety of songs and will focus on improving vocal skills and singing in two parts. Songs will be linked to seasonal and topical events. After half term we will be revisiting the recorder, and it will be important that the children have their own recorder on Fridays. We will continue to learn about music theory and the reading of notation on the treble staff. The children will learn about pentatonic music and will have the opportunity to compose their own music using a variety of percussion instruments.

RE

The children will look further at the religion of Islam.

PSHE

We will be looking at 'Relationships' including family members and friends in the first half of term and move onto 'Changing Me', covering how our bodies and emotions change as we get older.

Art/Design Technology

The children will be using coasts as a starting point to produce some work based on Peter Knight's coastal scenes around Jersey as well as producing some silk painting linked to coastal scenes and wildlife. We will also be designing and baking a loaf of bread.

Useful information

PE kit on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Times tables tests on Fridays.

Spelling tests on Fridays.

Reading EVERY day for at least 15 minutes.

Visits:

Tuesday 5th May 4L - 'Meet the bees' / **Tuesday 12th May** 4J - 'Meet the bees'.

Tuesday 16th June

4L and 4J – Ouaisne beach clean and coastal visit

Kind regards

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