



Year 4 Summer Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely Easter holiday. We are rested, recharged and raring to go with Summer Term 1.

Dates for your diaries:

- **Tuesday 16th April** - Summer Term begins
- **Monday 22nd April** - Plemont Trip
- **Wednesday 24th April** - Swimming begins
- **Wednesday 24th April or Friday 26th April** - Viola and Violin lessons
- **Wednesday 1st May - Thursday 2nd May** - 4B Scout Hut
- **Thursday 2nd May - Friday 3rd May** - 4A Scout Hut
- **Monday 6th May** - Bank Holiday
- **Thursday 9th May** - Liberation Day
- **Friday 24th May** - End of term

Geography, Science and History: The Victorians

Our fifth exciting topic this year is 'The Victorians'. A History based topic exploring the Victorian period including researching famous Victorians and how their inventions have influenced our lives today. In Science the children will find out all about sound; how it travels, pitch and volume.

English:

In English, we will be using a collection of poems from 'Hot Like Fire' by Valerie Bloom to inspire us to write our own poetry following similar structures. We will also focus on these in Reading, where we will practice performing them as individuals, groups and as a whole class.

The children will then be writing biographies based on the book 'Fantastically Great Women Who Changed The World'.

Maths:

We will start the half-term by exploring fractions. We will be looking at comparing fractions of amounts, adding, subtracting and find fractions. We will then move onto decimals. Please remind your child to continue using TT Rockstars and practising their times tables as this will prove invaluable in the lead up to Year 5.

PE:

Swimming will begin on Wednesday 24th April and run until the end of the Summer term. We will continue to have our outdoor PE sessions on Fridays.

R.E:

Our learning focus will be Buddhism. Our key question is: 'What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life?' We will be exploring the Buddhist teachings of the Eight Fold Path and how this affects the choices Buddhists make in their lives.

PSHE:

We will be using our Jigsaw PSHE to explore different relationships in our lives, focusing on how to make good friends and solve friendship problems when they occur, how to help others feel part of a group, and how the children can help themselves and others when they feel upset or hurt.

Music:

We are very lucky to have the Jersey Music Service providing both year 4 classes with violin or viola lessons every Wednesday or Friday.

Home Learning Ideas:

- Write an acrostic poem for Victorians.
- Research and write 10 facts about Queen Victoria.
- Write a letter to Charles Darwin explaining why it is important that your favourite animal doesn't become extinct.
- Read a novel either based in or written in Victorian times.
- Design a stamp.
- Paint or draw a Victorian scene.
- Research and create a fact file of a famous Victorian artist.
- Design your own toy for a Victorian child.
- Research different types of transport people used in Victorian times and compare with today.
- Draw or trace a world map. Mark the countries which were part of the British Empire.
- Compare a Victorian school day with one today.

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