

# **Emmbrook Junior School**



## **Curriculum Bulletin Year 4**

**Summer Term 2017**

## Year Group News

Welcome to Year 4!

We hope that you all had a restful Easter holiday. Over the next term, we will be working on a new topic called 'Travelling Through Time'. We will be learning about the Tudor monarchs and exploring the impact of their views on marriage and religion and how this affected people's lives in Britain. We will also be creating portraits of Henry VIII and his infamous six wives using our drawing and sketching skills. Our geography focus is on rivers in the UK and the rest of Europe. We will also be attempting to design and make our own catapults.

In English, we will be exploring Shakespeare's sonnets and plays, writing persuasively and coming up with our own fairytales. In Maths, we will be revisiting lots of topics which we have already looked at this year and will be further developing our confidence with the use of written methods and problem solving.

After half term, our school trip will be to Ufton Court (letter to follow).

**Mrs McAllister, Mrs Stimpson, Miss Wickens  
and the Year 4 team**

## Curriculum Information

This is the work we will cover in each curriculum area this term.

We hope that this information will enable you to give support to your child. You could use the information in a variety of ways:

- As a basis for discussion about school and work.
- To borrow from the library/or buy appropriate books.
- To look out for suitable television or radio programmes and videos.
- To look out for suitable newspaper and magazine articles.
- To help your child find suitable information in encyclopedias and from the internet.



# First Half Term

## Travelling Through Time



### English

Classic poetry -  
Shakespeare  
Discussion debate  
Explanation  
Fairytale



### Maths

Place value  
Geometry  
Addition  
Subtraction

### Science

Sound



### History

The Tudors



### Art

Drawing &  
sketching

### Computing

Music & Sound  
Digital imagery



### French

Clothing  
Questions  
Traditional  
songs



### Music

Building  
Singing Spanish  
Time



### PE

Athletics  
Golf  
Cricket

### PSHE/ Circle

### Time

Health & wellbeing



### RE

Judaism

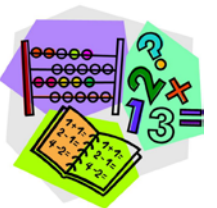
# Second Half Term

## Travelling Through Time



### English

Fairytales  
Persuasive writing  
Cinquains  
Film & play script

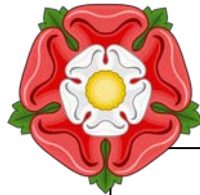


### Maths

Measure  
Multiplication  
Division  
Fractions &  
decimals  
Statistics

### RE

Judaism



### History

The Tudors



### Geography

Rivers

### French

Plurals  
Questions  
Cultural  
awareness

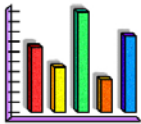


### PE

Athletics  
Rounders  
Tennis  
Orienteering

### Design & Technology

Catapults

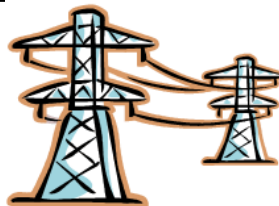


### Computing

Multimedia  
Data handling

### Science

Electricity



### PSHE/ Circle

#### Time

Health &  
wellbeing

### Music

In the past  
Tudor music



## Reminders

### SPELLINGS



- The school uses the Ruth Miskin Read, Write Inc. scheme. Spelling sessions take place on four days a week for 30 minutes in the afternoons. All children will bring home spellings on a weekly basis unless the school has informed parents otherwise. Year 4 will bring spellings home on a **Friday**. If you have any problems regarding spellings, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

### READING



- It is really important that children read at home to an adult at least five times a week to ensure they make good progress and earn their Reading Reward time. Each child will have 2 books that they will bring home each day in their reading folder. One book will be from the Emmbrook Scheme (colours, independent reader or general fiction) and one will be from the KS2 Oxford Reading Tree Scheme. Children will have the opportunity to change their Emmbrook Scheme book on a daily basis. The Oxford Reading Tree Scheme books for Year 4 will be changed on:

### **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

Please sign your child's Reading Record to show that they have read to an adult. Books will only be changed if 'finished' is written by the last entry for the book.

### KNOWING NUMBER FACTS



- This term, we will be continuing with the weekly 'Knowing Number Facts' tests. Children are given a set of number facts to learn each week and their attainment is recorded on a class chart. Please support the children in learning these at home. New facts will be issued for testing the following week.

## HOME LEARNING



- Children will be set a MyMaths task and reading comprehension activity each **Thursday** for homework. Please sign your child's homework feedback sheet in the front of their homework book and comments are welcomed. Later in the term, the children will also be receiving their Topic Grid.

## COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND TEACHERS

There are a number of ways in which you can communicate with your child's teacher. These include:

- Face to face meeting on the playground at the end of the school day.
- Appointment made by contacting the school office.
- Comment in reading record
- Comment in homework planner (year 6)
- Comment on parent feedback sheet in homework book
- Emailing the teacher (teacher's email addresses are available on the school learning platform)

**Please note, urgent information must always be telephoned to the school office.**

## LIBRARY BOOKS (Non-Fiction)



- Children are allowed to select their own book although advice is given if a book seems unsuitable. Please encourage your child to look after their library book. There will be a charge if the book is lost.

## PENCIL CASES



- In each classroom, essential stationery is provided for the use of pupils. We therefore ask that pencil cases brought in from home are small enough to fit into your child's tray for easy storage and that they contain only a spare pencil, handwriting pen, rubber and sharpener.

## WATER BOTTLES



- Children are expected to bring a small, named bottle of water into school. However, we must stress this can be water only and any bottles must be taken home daily for reasons of hygiene. Please bring in the filled bottle each morning.

## P.E. KIT



- Fully labelled kit must be brought into school in a suitably named bag on a Monday. It will then be left in school all week and taken home on a Friday for washing. Year 4 PE slots are on **Monday** and **Thursday** afternoons. Children should have their kit in school every day as there may be additional PE slots during the week.

## SUNNY WEATHER



- In sunny weather, children are permitted to bring a suitable hat to wear when they are outside.
- Due to health and safety reasons, sunscreen should not be brought into school. There are many all-day sunscreens available which we would advise you to apply to your child before they come to school.



## Dates for Your Diary Summer Term

### April

- w/c 24<sup>th</sup> - Clubs Start
- 28<sup>th</sup> - 3 Ash Sharing Assembly (9:00am)

### May

- 1<sup>st</sup> - BANK HOLIDAY
- 5<sup>th</sup> - 5 Elm Sharing Assembly
- w/c 8<sup>th</sup> - SATs Week (Year 6)
- 12<sup>th</sup> - PTA Quiz Night (7:45pm)
- w/c 15<sup>th</sup> - Walk to School Week
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Swimming
- 19<sup>th</sup> - 4 Maple Sharing Assembly (9:00am)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Bikeability: 6 Beech
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Bikeability: 6 Beech
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Class Photos
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Bikeability: 6 Beech
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Swimming
- w/c 29<sup>th</sup> - HALF TERM



### June

- 5<sup>th</sup> - INSET DAY (children not in school)
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Swimming
- 9<sup>th</sup> - 3 Larch Sharing Assembly
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Swimming
- 16<sup>th</sup> - 5 Cedar Sharing Assembly (9:00am)
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Bikeability: 6 Fir
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Bikeability: 6 Fir
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Bikeability: 6 Fir
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Year 6 Swimming
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - 4 Pine Sharing Assembly
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Summer Fair (2:30pm – 5:30pm)
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 Parents' Induction Evening (6:30pm)
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Changeover Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Swimming





## July

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Year 6 Cast A Dress Rehearsal to Years 3, 4, & 5 (2:00pm)
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Cast B Dress Rehearsal to Infants (2:00pm)
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Cast A Performance to Parents (6:30pm)
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Cast B Performance to Parents (6:30pm)
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day (afternoon)
- w/c 10<sup>th</sup> - Clubs Finish
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Reserve Sports Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Swimming
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9:00am - parents can attend)
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Reports: Issued to Parents
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Reports: Meeting with Parents (3:40pm – 6:00pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Leavers Disco
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of Term (school closes at 2:00pm)

