

Year 4 – Summer Newsletter

All Souls' Catholic PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Welcome back! I hope that everyone enjoyed a nice Easter break. The class has settled back in nicely and are ready to make the most of their final term in Year 4.

The Year 4 timetable will be a busy one again this term. There are a few changes to the timetable that require your attention. Here are the details of these changes as well as a recap of some important things that will remain the same:

P.E. - Dance – This term Year 4 will have Dance on **Mondays** and will need their **indoor P.E. kit**.

P.E. – Athletics – Year 4 will also be doing Athletics with Mr Youson on **Wednesdays** when they will need their **outdoor P.E. kit**.

Homework – Weekly homework will still be set on **Wednesdays and collected in on Mondays**. Homework tasks will continue to be an opportunity for Year 4 to practise and embed the skills they are learning at school. Like last term, the tasks will mostly be maths and English based, but will occasionally be on other subjects as well.

Reading – It has been great to see that Year 4 is a class of keen readers. They clearly enjoy reading, both quietly and to the whole class. Developing your child's reading is vital to their education and will continue to benefit them this year. Pupils are still expected to read for around 15 minutes every day outside of school. To help us monitor this, their reading record should be signed and kept up to date. **Reading Records will be checked every Wednesday**. Encouraging a love of reading will make these 15 minutes, and more, fly by. Some children will have books from our reading scheme that are chosen specially to take your child's reading to the next level. However, some children may be 'free readers' and can therefore read anything appropriate that interests them. So if they prefer to read the *Sunday Telegraph* or *Financial Times* instead of Roald Dahl or Michael Morpurgo, then by all means encourage this!

Spelling – Every **Friday** Year 4 will be tested on their spelling. Children will be given a list of words to take home and practise.

Summary of key information

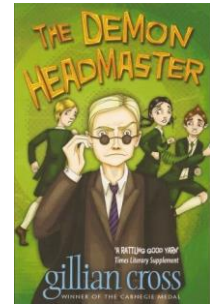
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Monday	Homework handed in Indoor P.E. kit (Dance with Mrs Cooke)
Wednesday	Homework set Reading record handed in (signed)





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	Outdoor P.E. kit (Athletics with Mr Youson)
Friday	Spelling test

Topics:**English**

For the first half of the Summer term we will be reading and studying 'The Demon Headmaster' by Gillian Cross. We will be using the text to learn about using suspense in writing and also as inspiration for writing our own ghost stories!

**Maths**

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We will continue our 'Times Tables Challenge' each week. So please continue to encourage practise of all times tables at home. The class are really enjoying the challenges and everyone has improved the speed and accuracy of their times tables. I am excited to think about where they will be the end of the year.

As well as this, we will obviously be continuing to go through the maths curriculum, including revisiting many of the areas that we have already covered.

Science

There is lots for Year 4 to cover in Science this term. We will be carrying on with the topic 'Living Things and their habitats' for the first few weeks. Then we will be studying Electricity!

**Dates for the diary:**

St George's Day Cream Tea Afternoon – 22nd April

Year 4 Art Day – Wednesday 27th April (please bring an unwanted shirt/t-shirt if possible)

SPARKS – Fire Safety Demonstration – 28th April



We will continue to update our class blog regularly. Please visit the blog through the school website (<http://www.allsoulsschool.co.uk>) to keep up to date on everything that is going on in the class.

Finally, Miss Quinn and I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching Year 4 so far and we are both excited the final term. I truly hope the class makes the most of their final term in Year 4.

Many thanks,

John Marsh