WELCOME TO SUMMER TERM—Year 4

We can hardly believe that we're into the summer term already! We have some exciting events planned for Y4.

Farm Visit—16th June

Big Gig—23rd June at Northumbria University Big Sing—2nd July at the Sage

And of course many of Y4 are involved in Alice in Wonderland and Pop Shop recordings.

We will make sure you have information about each of these events nearer the time.

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In Year 4 your child will be expected to:

- ♦ Always try their best
- **♦** Be kind and considerate to everyone.
- ◆ Do their *homework neatly* —bring it back to school on FRIDAY
- Learn spellings every week for a test on FRIDAY
- Read regularly to an adult at home.
- **♦** Look after their own things.

Things your child will need in Class:



P.E. kit - dark blue shorts , pale blue t-shirt, plimsolls or trainers, in a small bag (drawstring if possible) and a water bottle.

PE will be on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS

READING

We expect your child to have their reading book in school EVERY DAY, even if it's not their 'reading' day.

t's really important to read *regularly* at home—*every day if possible*!

Your child will be given a 'Reading Journal'. In this they should write all the books they read at home and school. They should read every night and write the page they have read up to, so I can check on their reading progress.

It's important not just to read the words but to think about the story and the characters, what might happen next and why, and why you think a character is behaving in a particular way.

When you listen to your child read encourage them to read with expression.

If your child comes across an unfamiliar word encourage them to use clues to work out what it might be—it can be jotted down in their reading record book.

When your child has finished a book they need to bring it back and ask for it to be changed.

What will we be learning?

<u>Literacy</u> - Using Rainforests as a theme for a range of non-fiction reading and writing skills.



Studying work by Jacqueline Wilson.

<u>Maths</u> - Investigations, basic skills, work on written methods of $+ \cdot x \div$, problem solving, work on measures and money, time and more...



<u>Topic</u> — We are studying HABITATS. This work will cover Rainforests and local habitats especially Denton Dene. We will be using maps and using internet research. We will go out into the Dene but unfortunately their won't be a trip to the Amazon Rainforest in Brazil!

Science—we will be looking at two areas which are very much linked to our topic— 'Living things and their habitats' and 'Animals including Humans'



Art/D.T— pencil observation work, jungle scenes and looking at the work of Henri Rousseau



R. E- Muslim Way of Life,



and....

French

P.E

Trumpets

P.S.H.C.E

and much more!

For parents and carers

We want to make the last term in Year 4 as enjoyable as possible for your child. You can help them by:

- Ensuring that ALL their possessions, especially fleeces, sweatshirts, plimsolls and stationery are named and easily identifiable. Sew in name tapes are best for clothing as `written on' names do not last. Names that were written on in September have faded away!
- ◆ Encouraging your child's growing independence Encourage them to remember for themselves their reading book every

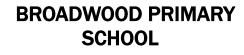
day and their homework on Friday.



- Listening to them read, or ask them about their books and encourage them to read every day.
- Practising numeracy skills in a friendly and informal way
- number games ,mental arithmetic and table facts.
- ◆Encouraging and supporting them to do their homework by themselves
- Coming and asking if
 you or your child have any worries –
 however small.
- •Remember, we have more time to listen after school than in the mornings.



- * Hearing them read regularly at home and signing their reading record book.
- * Making sure they have somewhere quiet to do their homework.
- * Helping them learn their spellings.
- * Making sure they have their PE Kit in school on Mondays and Fridays—including a water bottle please.
- * Help them with practical maths especially telling the time.









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