

# Year 4 Newsletter 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents,

Preparations for the Midsummer Music evening are underway and the singing happening in our classroom is beautiful! I have sent the Ocarinas home to enable you to hear how the children are doing in school and to give them an opportunity to practise 'Twinkle Twinkle' and 'Kumbaya.' Hopefully it will sound lovely...if they hit the correct notes. 🎵

This week in maths, the children recapped their existing knowledge of time and moved onto converting seconds into minutes, minutes into hours, hours into days and vice versa. The children have a good understanding of converting time from a 24 hour clock and are now thinking about periods of time and solving problems involving this.

In English, I read the story 'Wombat goes Walkabout' and the children really enjoyed learning about Australian habitats and animals native to Australia. The children then planned and began their own English version of the story. The animals and habitats that they chose had to be ones that would be found in this country. The focus was on using the repetitive language from the story in our setting and this also meant the children needed to ensure that they used their speech marks correctly. The children are still trying to remember that in the middle of a sentence we need to open our speech with punctuation and a capital letter.

Next term, to enable a smooth transition to year 5, Mrs Grinstead will be teaching the class one lesson most weeks and I will be doing the same in year 2. This will allow the children to the opportunity to develop their relationships with their teachers prior to beginning the term in September. I am certain the children will enjoy this session and find it helps them to relax more over the summer holidays.

The bubble run was great fun and the children enjoyed trying out some Olympic style events and running through bubbles and coloured powder. On Wednesday the teachers managed to row consistently over 42km, which is the distance needed to row from Dover to Calais. There was a lot of support from the children and from that event alone we managed to raise £116. All of the funds raised from these events will enable us to buy new iPads which will be beneficial to the children's learning in a variety of ways. Please could we request that the sponsorship money is collected over the holidays and returned as soon as possible after the holidays? Thank you.

I hope that you all have a great holiday and the children come back refreshed and ready for their last term with me. I have lots of great learning and events planned for them. In readiness for our Italian Day, which will happen nearer the end of term 6, I would like the children to make a volcano. It can be junk modelling, sugar cubes, lego, playdough...whatever they choose. Smaller ones are better as otherwise they need a lot of mixture to enable the volcano to erupt. We do ask that the mixture is provided too on Italian day. There are some great and simple examples on YouTube.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Hall to the class in term 6 to join the team and help support the children's learning. This is to replace Mrs Webster, who will be in Year 1 for term 6, we will all (adults and children) really miss her and thank her for everything she has done in Year 4.

Thanks,

**Mrs Ward and Mrs Phillips**

