

24<sup>th</sup> April, 2015

## **YEAR 4 TOPIC LETTER – SUMMER TERM**

Dear Parents,

Outlined below is the curriculum your child is following this term. We hope that it will be of use to you when discussing school with your child and looking for ways in which you can support your child at home.

### **Literacy:**

Following the Primary Framework the children will be investigating a range of non-fiction and fiction texts. They will use independent spelling strategies, and work on grammar and punctuation will be stressed.

### **Mathematics:**

We will continue to follow the new primary framework for mathematics this term. We will be working on these main areas:

- Counting and calculating
- Securing number facts and measuring and understanding shape
- Handling data and measures.

We will be solving problems in mathematics and using and applying the skills and concepts learnt to everyday life.

### **Science:**

In the first half term we are looking at the difference between solids and liquids and how they can be changed and separated.

In the second half term we will be investigating sound and how it travels.

### **ICT:**

This term we will be looking at controlling devices and will write our own computer programs.

### **History:**

We are studying local medieval history with a link to Lesnes Abbey in Abbey Wood. We will be looking at the act of penance and pilgrimage. We will also study Chaucer's 'The Canterbury Tales'.

**French:**

We will continue to use the schemes, Tout-le-Monde, Language-Nut and Language Angels. This term's units focus on the weather and the calendar.

**Music:**

We will be continuing our guitar lessons with Mr. Lee – a tutor from Bird Music College.

**R.E.:**

We will be looking at how a church building and its features lends itself to Christian worship. We will also take a further look at Hinduism.

**P.E.:**

This term we will be using the large apparatus in the hall and developing our gymnastic skills.

**Games:**

We will be playing cricket and doing athletics.

**Art:**

The theme for Art this term will be Journeys. We will be using different media including collage and printing. We will also link art with our history topic and be creating clay pots.

**Geography:**

We will be following the new curriculum and exploring the physical and human features of the UK. We will be looking in detail at where places and regions are located. We will also begin to learn the names and locations of some of Europe's capital cities.

Yours sincerely,

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Class Teachers