



ENTHUSIASM – EFFORT – EXCELLENCE

OCKLYNGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Headteacher: Jon Reynard
Deputy Headteacher: Sandra Denton



April 2017

Dear Parents & Guardians

Thank you so much for all your wonderful support during the Viking production. I'm sure you would agree that the children's tremendously hard work paid off in the end. A huge well done to everyone involved. The DVD is still on sale for £6 but is selling out fast, so secure your copy now, via the office, to avoid disappointment!

We have a fantastic final 2 terms planned for the children:

TRIPS & WORKSHOPS

Trips to Michelham Priory to support our Tudor Learning Journey will be happening on Friday April 21st for 4J/4H, Monday April 24th for 4G/4C and Thursday 27th April for 4LR/4F. Please contact your class teacher ASAP with any queries about the trip.

We are anticipating making a visit to Hampden Park in Term 6 in order to supplement our work on Habitats in science, but we will inform you further about this closer to the time.

HOME LEARNING

The standard of Home Learning continues to impress us in Year 4. Thank you for your continued support with this. Homework will continue to be set weekly and a reminder that children are also expected to learn spellings, times tables and to read daily - and make a note of this in their Home-School Diaries.

THE CURRICULUM

Learning Journeys:

The Tudors (term 5) – this is a history based topic. The children will gain an overview of the Tudor period, but there will be a focus on Henry VIII and the impact of his reign upon the country and wider world. In English, we will be studying the text 'My Friend Walter' by Michael Morpurgo, which tells the story of a girl who befriends Sir Walter Raleigh's ghost. We will use this text as a basis for teaching reading, writing and grammar.

In Art, we will be studying portraits. We will be looking at Tudor Portraits and comparing them to more modern portraiture, like Picasso's. We will have a go at making some of our own (watch this space...)

The Amazing Amazon (term 6) – this is a geography based topic. We will learn about the key geographical features of the Amazon, including the environment, wildlife and people. We will consider the impact of deforestation upon the local communities and the wider world. Our texts for this term are 'The Vanishing Rainforest' and 'The Great Kapok Tree'. Both are excellent texts, promoting lots of discussion and debate. These will form the basis of our English lessons during the term. In DT, we will be designing and making rainforest themed photo frames out of wood to display a piece of the children's writing.

If you have any particular expertise with either of these learning journey topics and would like to share this in any way, please let your child's class teacher know.

C:\Users\shenderson\AppData\Local\Temp\Temp1_Curriculum_Overviews.zip\Year 4 Curriculum Overview Summer 2016-17.docx

Victoria Drive ● Eastbourne ● East Sussex ● BN20 8XN

Telephone: 01323 725839

office@ocklynge.e-sussex.sch.uk ● www.ocklynge.co.uk





ENTHUSIASM – EFFORT – EXCELLENCE

OCKLYNGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Headteacher: Jon Reynard
Deputy Headteacher: Sandra Denton



Maths

The children will be focusing on areas of the national curriculum which they have found more challenging in the previous 4 terms. This may include: number and place value, measures, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, statistics and number and fractions.

Science

Animals including humans with a specific focus on teeth and digestion (Term 5), living things and their habitats (term 6)

Computing – Using HTML to design a simple webpage.

PSHE

SRE (sex and relationships education – a letter will follow shortly about this), emotional health, families, smoking and School Council

P.E.

Rotating, cricket, stoolball/rounders, tennis, athletics and playground games. Swimming in Term 6. Please note that in Term 6, ALL children will be swimming. A reminder that children are expected to have their PE and swimming kits in school on the correct days; we would be very grateful if you could assist us in making sure that this is the case.

Music

Ensemble xylophone playing.

Thank you for your continued support. Please remember to contact your child's class teacher as a first step to talk about any problems, but if you would like to discuss things further, you are always more than welcome to make an appointment to talk to me as Head of Year.

The children have had a really successful year so far, not least in their fantastic Bollywood performance and their amazing Viking show. We are sure that the last two terms in will be equally successful – and fun.

Kind Regards,

Mr B Foster
Head of Year 4

C:\Users\shenderson\AppData\Local\Temp\Temp1_Curriculum_Overviews.zip\Year 4 Curriculum Overview Summer 2016-17.docx

Victoria Drive ● Eastbourne ● East Sussex ● BN20 8XN

Telephone: 01323 725839

office@ocklynge.e-sussex.sch.uk ● www.ocklynge.co.uk

