



HOLLY CLASS



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term and our exciting topic about the Vikings. In addition to learning more about Viking invasions to British shores, we will also be coming together as a key stage for a trip to Pulborough Brooks on Monday 8th July (more details to follow shortly). Please find attached a topic overview so you can see some of the key activities and learning journeys the children will be covering.

P.E. AND GAMES

It is very important that the children have their PE kit in school throughout the week so that they can fully participate in these lessons. Please make sure your child has suitable trainers for outside games. **Please ensure that all of your child's kit is named. Earrings should be removed for PE and Games.** If this is not possible, then they should be covered with micro-pore tape provided by you. Long hair must be tied back. Holly Class will have outside PE on a Thursday and we will be inside every Tuesday.



DAILY READING



A little reminder that children should be updating their reading comments book at least three times a week. Reading is an important life skill, and therefore ALL children should be reading regularly. I suggested that it would be beneficial for your child to read either a chapter or 10 pages of their book every day.

NEW READING INITIATIVE

I am pleased to announce that we will be starting 'our reading leaves' this term. Miss Cove has created a 'Reading Tree' in the corridor, upon which we will be hanging the children's leaves and celebrating reading. A 'leaf' will be presented to two children from each class during the Celebration assembly, recognising a reading achievement. At the end of each term, one ticket from each class will be drawn, and the recipients of the winning tickets will be taken to a bookshop with Mrs Sharrock to choose a book. This will replace the 100% award through the AR scheme, but the word count award will stay in place.

HOMEWORK

Children should be completing the following pieces of homework:



- **Year 4** – a weekly maths activity, daily reading, practising their times tables, three spelling activities and a fortnightly piece from the grid homework.
- **Year 5** – a weekly maths and grammar activity, daily reading, three spelling activities and a fortnightly piece from the grid homework.

I would be grateful if you could encourage your child to complete the above, which supports their school learning. The hand in dates for the grid homework is detailed on the sheet grid, which will be stuck into the front of your child's homework book. There will also be a copy available on the website.

SPELLING

Children will continue to receive six weekly words based on a spelling rule or from the statutory spelling lists. Again, some children have been brilliant at completing them every week, but some children need a reminder to complete these tasks. It would be extremely helpful if you could encourage your child to complete these as part of their weekly homework.

TIMES TABLES PRACTICE

As part of their homework, children are expected to practise their times tables on a regular basis. We would recommend TTRockStars (TTRS) and Hit the Button to support their tables' learning (there are links on the website). **It is important that Year 4 children should practise their times tables regularly as the Multiplication Check will take place in June.**



SUMMER REVELS

The children have been working hard in learning the country dance routine during their PE lessons last term. The beginning of this term will see them focusing on the maypole dance. We are very excited about sharing these two dances with you at the Summer Revels, which will be held on Saturday 8th June. The PTA has been working extremely hard in organising this event, which is definitely one of the highlights in the school's calendar. See you all there.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES



If your child would like a snack at break time, please can you ensure it is a piece of fruit or vegetables, such as carrot sticks. **Please do not send your child to school with nuts, peanut butter or products containing nuts** as we do have children in school who are severely allergic to such items. Please be reminded that chocolate bars or sweets are **not allowed** in lunchboxes.

WATER BOTTLES



During the summer months, it is strongly recommended that all children have access to a water bottle, and have a sunhat for break/lunchtimes. Sun-cream should be applied before they come into school. It is important that your child is kept hydrated throughout the day, so should have a **named** plastic bottle of drinking water to have in class; **these should NOT be used for squash or fruit juice please.**

SCHOOL CLUBS

We will be offering a range of clubs for the Summer term. These will be detailed in the weekly newsletter.

AND FINALLY...

I hope your child enjoys their learning this term. If you have any questions or queries about anything, please either email me using the school office address or make an appointment before or after school.

With kind regards

Mrs C Wellby