

Latest News

Welcome back - Now that Easter has passed we are looking forward to another challenging, engaging and exciting term in Y4.

This term we will be starting our new science topic based on habitats. A large percentage of our curriculum up until the summer holidays will be focused on this topic.

Please remember to regularly use our school website. The web site is updated regularly to help keep all parents informed about what is happening in our school. All newsletters and a calendar of key events can be found through this site <http://hanhamabbotsjunior.org.uk/>

Thank you for your support
Mr Evans
(Y4 Learning Leader)

Curriculum. . . .English:

Children will receive an hour of English each day from Monday to Friday. Areas that children will study this term are stories (overcoming a monster), non-chronological reports, performance poetry and recounts. Guided reading will also take place on a weekly basis outside the English lesson.

Mathematics:

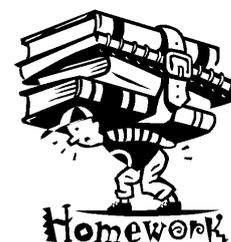
The children will receive an hour of mathematics each day within their different mathematic sets. During these lessons, the children will develop and explore their understanding of all areas of mathematics. Children will also be encouraged to extend their investigation skills as well as applying their understanding of mathematics to everyday situations.

Science:

This term, children will be investigating habitats. The children will be looking at life processes of animals and plants, variation and classification of different animals and plants into groups using keys, how some animals and environments need protection and understanding why different plants and animals are adapted to their environment.

**How Parents Can Help.....**Homework

Each week in mathematics children will receive either a written activity or an exercise to complete on Mathletics. The activity should take no longer than twenty minutes to complete. We would also encourage children to learn their multiplication tables and number bonds. Any help that can be given at home to apply mathematics to everyday situations (money, time, measure, problem solving) would be of great benefit to your child.



For English there will be a weekly spelling piece of homework. The English activity should take no longer than twenty minutes to complete. The school does expect each child to spend at least five minutes a night reading to an adult. Please could you initial the Partnership Books when your child has read.

Home / School Learning Project:

This term, we plan to set a Home School Learning Task designed to engage the children in their science topic to do with habitats. Children will be asked to investigate their own garden/open space to see what animals and plants they can find and research a given habitat. These projects are compulsory and in recent years have proven to be very popular, with the majority of the year group producing a very high standard of work. The school believes that the more the children



take part the more they will enjoy and learn from these experiences. Parents, guardians and grandparents are more than welcome to lend a helping hand.

Partnership Books:

Children should bring these diaries to school each day. Please use them to communicate with your child's teacher. As mentioned above please initial in the diaries when your child has read at home. **Children will be expected to have at least three initials each week.** In the diaries you will be able to keep track of the targets being set for both mathematics and English.

Trips and Activities. . . .

We are planning to take all the children on a day trip to Folly Farm. The farm is run by Avon Wildlife Trust and offers a selection of hands on educational workshops. The children will be taken by coach



from Hanham to Folly Farm and will spend the day pond dipping and investigating different habits. The children will investigate how different woodland and aquatic invertebrates have adapted to their environment and what survival techniques they use to protect themselves from predators. They will also learn about food chains. These different workshops are lead by two habitats experts who work for the Avon Wildlife Trust. Once again the school has tried to keep costs to a minimum but we do need to ask for a contribution (to be confirmed

later) for this trip to go ahead. A letter confirming the date, times, price and informing how to pay will be sent home soon. www.follyfarm.org

School Uniform...

Girls:

White blouse or shirt, grey skirt or plain black school trousers, grey pullover or cardigan, school tie, red, grey or white socks & sensible black low-heeled children's shoes. Summer dresses (optional) Red and white check.

Boys:

White or grey shirt, grey short or long trousers, grey pullover, school tie, grey socks, sensible black children's shoes.

Term 6 only:

School ties are not compulsory during Term 6

School / Family Liaison...

- **Teachers are always happy to talk to parents about their child's progress and learning but please could you arrange to see your child's class teacher after school.**
- Please make sure Partnership Books are brought into school every day.