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Bottisham Community Primary School

Year 4/5 Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank all Year 4 parents for their support with our Year 3/4 production. The Year 3/4 team and I were incredibly impressed and proud of all the children—it was truly a joy to watch and be a part of.

I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break and are feeling refreshed for another busy term ahead. We have an exciting term planned, with plenty to look forward to. One of the highlights will be the Year 5/6 production. We do not yet know what the play will be, but I am sure the Year 5/6 teachers will be eager to get started once SATs are completed. Preparations will begin towards the end of this half-term and continue into the final half-term of the academic year.

There are also a number of trips and events taking place this term. These include a Year 3/4 visit to the Cambridge Botanical Gardens, swimming sessions at Bottisham Village College, and a class visit to the Bottisham Village College library. In addition, there will be sports events at Bottisham Village College for both Year 3/4 and Year 5/6, as well as our Key Stage 2 Sports Day and our Class Assembly.

Curriculum:

This term, our topic focus is Geography, under the theme '**An African Adventure**'. The children will be learning about the geographical features of Africa and exploring how environments differ between regions such as the Congo Basin and the Sahara Desert.

In English, we are finishing our work on 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan. We will then move on to writing a non-chronological report about an African animal. Following this, the children will begin work on formal letter writing, focusing on the use of persuasive language. To conclude the year, we will explore creative writing, allowing the children to further develop their narrative skills and produce some fantastic stories.

In Mathematics, we will continue our learning on **decimals and percentages** before moving on to our unit on **money**. We will then cover **time, properties of shape, position and direction**, and finally **converting units and volume** to round off the year.

Before the holidays, I sent a message via the school office regarding volunteers to support the various events taking place during the summer term. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to those who have already offered their time and support. If you are able to help with any upcoming trips or events, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at lgoddard@bottishamprimary.org

We will also continue with our weekly '**100 Club**' times tables tests. The children have been thoroughly enjoying taking part in these, and it has been wonderful to see their progress. As many pupils have been working particularly hard, we will soon be introducing the '**100 Club Operation Division**' as the next step in securing their times tables knowledge and building a strong foundation for mathematics as they move into Year 5 or Year 6. There may even be a prize for those who achieve a place in the new club!





Year 4 will have the Multiplication Tables Check between Monday 1st June and Friday 12th June. An email will be sent out nearer the time with more information.

What will my child need in school?

Each day, your child will need:

- A healthy morning snack (**no nuts, please**)
- A **named** water bottle (**no juice or squash**)

School will provide all writing tools, but children may bring a **small pencil case** if they wish. Pencil cases may remain at school, but water bottles should go home daily to be cleaned and refilled.

Reading:

This year is the **National Year of Reading**, giving us a great opportunity to celebrate books and inspire children to read for enjoyment. In school we'll be encouraging pupils to explore a wide range of texts and develop a love of reading that supports their learning in every subject.

Children should continue reading books from home or the school library to maintain and develop their reading progress.

Please ensure your child's reading is recorded in their Reading Record. I recommend **15 minutes every day**. I will check Reading Records on **Mondays** and award House Points to children who complete this task and have **5** entries within their reading records.

Homework:

Homework in Year 4 will include:

- A **times table to learn**, in preparation for weekly tests. We will use **Times Table Rock Stars** as a resource. Although we practise each week in school, it is important that children reinforce this at home — about **5 minutes per day**. There will be a weekly times tables test and occasional battles between classes!
- An **English, Topic or Science** task (approx. 20 minutes)
- A **Spelling Shed** sheet. To support preparation for our weekly spelling test, children can copy the spelling words into their homework books.

Every **Friday, Year 4 children** in Maple Class will be tested on the spelling words they have practised.

Homework in Year 5 will include:

- TTRS times table practice
- A **Spelling Shed** sheet. To support preparation for our weekly spelling test, children can copy the spelling words into their homework books.
- A Maths sheet connected to work completed in lessons
- A grammar sheet based around grammatical features children in Year 5 need to know

Every **Thursday, Year 5 children** in Maple Class will be tested on the spelling words they have practised.

Times Tables:

There will be a times table set for the children to practise in **Year 4**. TTRS offers many fun activities to help children learn their times tables and challenge others. The Soundcheck activity is a replica of the Government's Multiplication Tables Check that Year 4s will be undertaking in the Summer term. To practise other Maths skills we still encourage children to complete NumBots which can be accessed via their TTRS login.





PE



- **Wednesdays** – Outdoor PE
- **Mondays** – Indoor PE

At the start of this new term, please can you check and make sure that your child's PE kit (as well as any other school clothing) is labelled with their name.

Please ensure your child has a **named PE kit**, which should include:

- A plain white T-shirt
- Navy or black shorts
- Trainers
- Plain jogging trousers and a sweatshirt or hoodie for colder weather
- A **named, drawstring bag** to store their kit

Please note: Children should not wear **jewellery** on PE days. If your child is unable to take part in PE, please provide a written note or inform me/Mr Legge at drop-off time.

Indoor Shoes & clothing:

It is essential that **all clothing**, including shoes, is clearly named. Children must change into **indoor shoes** when entering the classroom.

Please ensure your child has a pair of **indoor and outdoor shoes** in school each day. I will check regularly to help keep the classroom carpets clean and safe.

Other things to remember:



Homework and reminders will be posted on **Google Classroom**. Important information will be sent via **email**.

Please feel free to share photos or videos of your child's achievements or memorable moments on the **Class Stream**.

Google Classroom

Reminder: Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will take place on the following dates:

1st June, 8th June, 15th June, 22nd June, 29th June and 6th July.

Library Visit

Mrs Walker has kindly arranged for us to visit the public library at BVC. We will be visiting on Wednesday 17th June. Please ensure your child brings their library card with them if they have one.

Class Assembly:

Please come and watch Maple Class Assembly and visit the class to look at your child's work!

Tuesday 19th May at 2:45 PM

Class information:

Teacher: Mr Goddard

Cover Teacher: Mr Legge

Teaching assistant: Dr Sosnowiec

I hope that your child has a spectacular Summer term! I'm looking forward to working and learning together for the remainder of our year together.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Goddard

Y4/5 Class Teacher





April	
15th	Burwell House Parents information evening
22 nd	Earth Day – non-school uniform
May	
1st	PTA (Express yourself day)
19th	Maple Class Assembly – 2:45 PM
20 th – 21 st	Burwell House
INSET DAY - 22nd	
Half Term 25th – 29th	
June	
1st	Maple Class Swimming BVC
8th	Maple Class Swimming BVC
11 th	Art Showcase Event
15th	Maple Class Swimming BVC
17th	Maple Class library Visit
22 nd	Maple Class Swimming BVC
25th	Cambridge Botanical Gardens Trip Y3/4
29th	Maple Class Swimming BVC
29th	TRANSITION AFTERNOON
30th	TRANSITION AFTERNOON
July	
3rd	PTA summer fair/circus
6th	Maple Class Swimming BVC
7th	Y5/6 Performance - 2pm and 6pm
8th	Y5/6 Performance - 2pm
10th	KS2 Sports day
16th	End of Year Disco
17th	Last Day

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