

Lower Key Stage 2 Summer Newsletter

Welcome back to the summer term. We have another busy term ahead of us which includes the new government Year 4 time's tables test. We are providing plenty of practice of this important number knowledge in school and all year 3 and year 4 children are expected to learn their times tables as part of their homework.

LKS2 TEAM

Class 9 Mrs Wright (Assistant Head Teacher and Team Lead)

Class 8 Mrs Pazos and Miss Robertson

Class 7 Mr Todd

Teaching support: Mrs Bourne and Mrs Howarth

If you have any queries, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instant.

Curriculum

This term we will be working on:

Subject	1 st Half term	2 nd Half term
Science	Plants	Light and shadows
History and Geography	Ancient Egypt	Ancient Egypt
R.E.	Judaism	Christianity
Art/ DT	Hieroglyphics / mummies	Egyptian art/ death masks
Music	Egyptian songs	Egyptian songs
PHSE	What affects our feelings? Balanced lifestyles	Strengths and achievements
IT	Data Handling & Modelling/ Digital Research.	Data Handling & Modelling/ Digital Research.
MFL- French	Y3 Our School Y4 What's the Time?	Y3 Time Y4 Holidays and Hobbies.

P.E.

All children are required to take part in P.E. lessons which helps keep your child healthy both physically and mentally.

P.E. Days

Class 9 - Friday

Class 8 - Friday

Class 7 – Wednesday

Children are expected to bring a P.E. kit for their lesson. As we enter the summer term, weather permitting, more lessons will be outside. They need:

T-shirt, (a sweatshirt could be worn for outdoor lessons in colder weather)

Shorts or tracksuit bottoms or leggings (elasticated waists)

Pumps or trainers

Please ensure your child's name is in their uniform to avoid mix ups.

Please can you ensure that if your child has pierced ears that they are either able to remove earrings before a P.E. lesson or that they bring plasters from home, that they are able to put over their earrings to minimise the chance of accidents during P.E. lessons. Children may wear a wristwatch and small stud earring. No other jewellery is allowed in school. Long hair needs to be tied back.

Facebook

As well as the school Facebook page, we have set up a group for LKS2. If you would like to join the group, it can be found under **Limehurst Lower Key Stage 2**. Please note that you are not able to message on this page.

Snacks.

A selection of fruit and healthy snacks are available at breaks for the children to buy. Children can bring 10-20p a day for snacks or bring their own fruit. Water bottles can be bought in class on Monday morning for 50p or at breaks. They are welcome to reusable water bottles from home.

Summer

As the weather improves children can bring sunhats for playtimes and are encouraged to put sun-cream on before school. All children can access drinks of water through the day if they don't have their own bottles.

Homework

Government guidelines advise that children in Year 3 and 4 should complete approximately 1 ½ hours of homework week. Please can you support your children to complete the activities below:

- All year 4 children are expected to know all their times tables 1-12 by the end of year 4. Year 3 children are expected to know 2, 5, and 10 times tables and will be working on 3, 4, and 8 times tables over the year. Children need to practice times tables each week in preparation for a weekly test.
- In addition, every child will receive a spelling list in preparation for their weekly test.
- At times throughout, the year children may receive research-based homework to support their class work
- Children can read books at home from the school's online reading scheme, Rising Stars – Reading Planet online. If your children needs their password again please ask their teacher.

Every term, children who have made good progress learning their spellings and tables will be rewarded. We also reward good organisational skills: i.e. bringing book bags in daily. Both the spellings bee and times table's competitions were very popular and a further competition will be run at the end of term.

Important Dates

School will close for summer half term on Friday 28th May and reopen Tuesday 7th June, which includes the additional bank holiday for the Queen's 70th Jubilee. School finishes for the summer on Thursday 21st July.