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Year 4 Summer B Newsletter

Friday 10th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to final half term in Year 4, it promises to be a busy and fun-filled time!

Our topic this half term is called 'Victorian Circus' (please see attached sheet). We will be learning about the Victorians, specifically the impact of Queen Victoria on East Cowes and the Isle of Wight.

We will be reading a class book called 'Son of the Circus: A Victorian Story' by EL Norry and will be learning some circus skills along the way- for our own Greatest Show!

Both classes will continue to have PE or Games sessions on Monday and Friday so children will be expected to wear their Queensgate PE kit to school on those days. This should consist of pale blue PE top, navy blue shorts, a Queensgate school jumper, socks and trainers. Please ensure that all items are labelled- especially school jumpers- as they have a tendency to go missing. Please ensure that your child has suncream and a sun hat available.

As part of PPA time this half term, pupils will have the opportunity to walk up to Tennyson Down to discuss Alfred Lord Tennyson and Julia Margaret Cameron. A list of the children taking part will be published in the weekly newsletter so please check this on the website.

This half term we will continue to set homework again. It will continue to be weekly spelling and times tables packs that you should already have at home. Additionally, there will be an ongoing family homework- please see the Victorian Circus Topic Overview for more information about this. As always please keep reading and practising times tables with your children as the Official Multiplication check will be starting on the 5th of June. They need 25/25 to pass!

We will be taking Year 4 pupils out of school for 2 day trips this half term, to Osborne House. Details of this will be sent home in a letter later in the term. In addition, we will be taking the children off site on history field trips in the locality.



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As part of our PSHE curriculum, we will be teaching the pupils about relationships and puberty. We cover aspects such as personal identity, body changes in boys and girls and identifying differences and similarities between the genders.

As we approach the end of Year 4 we will be working closely with Year 5 staff to ensure a smooth transition, which will include a 'Move Up' morning later in the term.

Finally, please keep an eye on the newsletters - which will be posted on the school's website each week- for up to date information about events and procedures in school.

If you have any concerns or if you need to inform us of anything that might affect your child within school, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us at the end of the school.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 Team