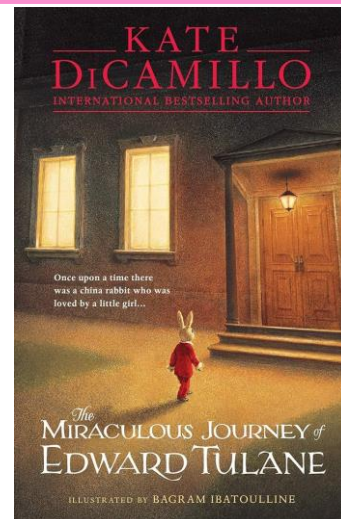


Year 4 Summer Term

We hope that you have had an enjoyable Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming you back into Year 4. We have a busy but exciting term ahead of us; this newsletter should cover any questions you may have. If you have any further questions, please feel free to e-mail or speak to myself or a member of the support team. We are always happy to help.

Our learning this term

This term we will be learning about the Victorian era as part of our study of British history. We will kick-start the topic with a Victorian-themed hook day. Our focus will be on the lives of Victorian children but we will also learn about other significant changes that happened in the UK (and around the world) during this period of history. We will be carrying out lots of investigations and experiments in science, as we learn more about the topics of electricity and sound so expect many practical lessons! In geography, we will be focusing mainly on the physical geography of rivers and mountains and how they impact human geography, including some fieldwork. Our main texts in English will be: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, *Street Child*, and *Leon & The Place Between*. Please keep practising those times tables, as all year 4 classes will take part in the statutory check during the summer term.



Home Learning

Our home learning will be split into 2 categories: weekly essentials and enrichment ideas.

Weekly Essentials:

Reading: Please continue to support your child's home reading. We ask that they read for a minimum of 3 times a week, which should be logged in your reading diaries. We would really like to see more involvement in this area.

Maths Challenges: A maths challenge will be provided each week. *We will be mostly focussing on consolidating times tables knowledge this term, through home learning.*

Spelling challenge: Spellings should be practised on Spelling Shed. These will be tested on a Friday.

Enrichment Ideas:

Please choose some of these activities over the whole of the term to show creativity with your home learning.

General Reminders

- **PE:** Our main PE focus will be our weekly swimming sessions, which will be on Friday mornings. In addition to this, we will still have another PE session each week, to work on athletics skills, batting and fielding games, as well as yoga and well-being activities. Please ensure kits are in at the beginning of every week.
- **Uniform:** Can you please make sure uniform & PE kits are clearly labelled to avoid confusion when children misplace some of their belongings.
- **Coats:** As the weather is changeable and we like to use our outdoor learning environment, please ensure that your child has a suitable coat with them regardless of the weather conditions.
- **Water bottles:** The children should bring in a water bottle from home with a sports style cap, which they can access throughout the day. They will be encouraged to change their water regularly and take them home each evening to be washed. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.
- **Rucksacks:** Your child should only need to bring their packed lunch, a water bottle and their reading book if they wish to change it. PE kits can be stored at school throughout the term. As children should not be bringing non-essential items in from home, rucksacks should not be brought into school, especially as there is limited storage space in the classroom.

Important Dates

Swimming - May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Hook Event - Friday 25th April - Victorians (Costumes Optional - see below for costume ideas)

Founders Day - Thursday 22nd May

KS2 Singing Festival - Wednesday 25th June

KS2 Sports Day - Monday 30th June

Y4 Trip - Hands on History Museum, Hull - Monday July 7th

We will also be observing other important events this term, including: World Autism Day, Eid-Al-Fitr, Passover, Mental Health Awareness, Pride Month, World Environment Day, Refugee Week, Armed Forces Day
Keep checking class blogs and Facebook for regular updates to our learning journey!

KS2 Singing Festival - Parents tickets

We advise that parents buy tickets in advance as these events usually sell out. There may not be tickets left to purchase on the day.

Tickets are now on sale at Grimsby Auditorium. There is no booking fee if you go in person to purchase tickets, if you buy online a booking fee applies this includes the free children's tickets as well.

The link to purchase the tickets online is below

<https://grimsbyauditorium.org.uk/show/ks2-singing-festival/>

Victorian Hook Event Costume Ideas

Victorian children, workhouse children, chimney sweeps,
Queen Victoria, Suffragettes and Victorian teachers