



# St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have another really busy term ahead of us as we enter the final few weeks of Year 4 – wow, the year has flown past! For our Term 6 topic we are bringing our focus close to home, with a study of “Wonderful Wallingford” – focusing on the history and geography of our special town. We have lots of exciting activities planned, with further details to follow. It will be a jam-packed few weeks....

## **Forest School**

Year 4 will continue to have Forest School on Monday afternoons with Melanie Gravett and Julie Carr. Please make sure your child has their Forest School kit in school each Monday. This should still include a long-sleeved top (not a short sleeved T-shirt) in order to protect the children from the sun and stinging nettles.

## **PE**

Year 4 are going to be taking part in two PE lessons each week – athletics on a Tuesday afternoon and rounders on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school for these sessions.

## **Music Technology**

These lessons, led by a specialist teacher from the Oxfordshire Music Service, will continue to take place on Tuesday afternoons.

## **Homework**

Homework will continue in the form of reading, Times Table Rock Stars, Speed Maths sheets, MyMaths or spellings. Reading together is a very valuable activity so we would continue to encourage you to share books together, when possible. Ideally, we would like all children to read for at least 10 minutes every day – sometimes independently and sometimes reading out loud. Reading with a family member helps them to slow down and discuss the meaning of the text, which is hugely beneficial. Please also read **to** your child, as this helps them to develop a love of books, expands their vocabulary and enables them to access books at a slightly higher level than those they can read on their own.

Children will continue to complete the Speed Maths sheets. These are a different way of helping them learn their times tables and related division facts, whilst expanding their mathematical vocabulary. Children are encouraged to do these 2-3 times a week, seeing how many they can get right in 10 minutes. They can be completed in any order and children will be encouraged to change their own maths sheets each week.



**Dates for the Diary**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Topic launch morning

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Wallingford Carnival

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Festival of Voices

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May – PTFA Disco / break up for half term

We are currently organising several other local trips for this topic so watch out for further information and requests for help! Thank you.

Remember that if you would like to speak to one of us at any other time, please do pop in to school at drop off or collection to arrange a convenient time to meet, or contact us via an email to the school office. ([office.2567@st-johns.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2567@st-johns.oxon.sch.uk))

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hannaford and Mrs Burgess