

April 2008

Dear Parents

Welcome to the Summer Term in Class 4. I hope you find this brief outline of some of the topics we will be studying this term helpful. It will be a very busy last term for your children.

Numeracy

As before, Numeracy for this term continues to build on the concepts that we studied last term: The four rules of number, real life problems, measures, fractions, decimals and data handling.

Literacy

We will be looking at books and poems dealing with "Issues" and will be reading "Bill's New Frock" and "The Angel of Nitshill Road by Anne Fine. Then we move on to stories from other cultures.

In the second half term we will be exploring poetry and then non-fiction texts - adverts, circulars and discussion texts.

Science

We will be studying "Habitats" and "Solids, liquids and gases". There will be opportunities to develop team work, thinking and problem solving skills through discussion and 'hands-on' investigations as well as increasing scientific knowledge.

History: 'Off with her Head!'

Our topic this term is the Tudors, looking in particular at daily life and the six wives of Henry VIII. There is a section to the Class 4 page on our school site [www.trinitystmarys.com] specifically for references to the Tudors. Just go to the Year 4 Class Page and click on the Tudor link in the contents list.

Geography

Our two short units are "How we spend our time" and "Village settlers". Cross curricular links will be made as appropriate.

Art

Our unit is called "Take a seat", in which children will design and make a chair suitable for someone famous. We will also be studying portraits, including the work of Holbein.

I.C.T.

This term our I.C.T unit includes databases, questionnaires and pie charts. Again, cross curricular links will be made as appropriate.

General

I shall continue to give the children weekly homework on Thursday mornings and I would like it given in on Tuesday morning, please. It is still important for your child to keep reading at home, even if it is a magazine, and to note this in their Home-School diary, please. Thank you for your continued support in this.

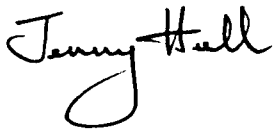
Please would you make sure your child always has a complete P.E. kit in school throughout the week - including socks. Also, would you please check that your child has a pair of plimsolls that fit; the children seem to be growing very fast at the moment!

We are planning to visit Cressing Temple Barns for our Tudor day. The children are asked to visit in Tudor costume. Simple instructions will be sent out for making something suitable, but if you prefer, costumes can be hired. The fancy dress hire shop near Plantomes Nursery ('Props and Frocks') have a stock of these clothes.

If you would like to come with us [and dress up!] please let me know. Details of the date, cost etc. will be sent out in due course.

Finally, I hope your child enjoys their last term with me and leaves Class 4 feeling that they have been successful and made good progress. I wish them well for their move to Class 5 and I will miss teaching them. Thank you for all the support you have shown me and I wish you all a pleasant summer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny Hull". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'J'.