



John Blandy Primary School

Friday 25th April 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a lovely Easter break and that the children are ready and excited for the summer term!

Our focus this term is the Ancient Egyptians and we will be using this topic as a basis for our work in history, DT and art. The curriculum overview for the summer term is attached to this letter and can also be found on our class pages on the website.

Reading and homework

We expect children to read at least 5 times each week and that this should be to an adult to help consolidate their reading and/or phonics. Please record the book they have read, along with the number of pages read in your child's homework book. We would love to hear how well they have read, so please do feel free to make a comment! Please also use the homework book to communicate with us as they are checked and marked weekly. Reading books must be in school each day.

Your child's spellings and times table focus will continue to be on the homework sheet. These are tested in school on a Monday.

Year 4 multiplication assessment

With the Multiplication Tables Check coming up at the beginning of June for year 4, we would like stress the importance of ensuring times tables are regularly practised throughout the week both at home and school especially using a device. <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/> and <https://urbrainy.com/mtc> are both great websites for getting the children used to the time element, with the app also giving an overview at the end to show which tables the children need to work on. Please also encourage your child to access our school subscription to TT Rockstars too.

Water bottles and Uniform

Please ensure that your child has a **clearly** named water bottle so that they may have easy access to drinking water throughout the day. It is always helpful to have all school uniform and PE kit **clearly** named so that children and staff know who they belong to. PE kit should remain in school in a labelled bag. We aim for this to be sent home at half term to be washed, however PE kits can be washed at any point in the term should you wish. Please ensure though these are in school for our PE days which are:

Cedar – Thursday and Friday

Sycamore – Tuesday and Wednesday

Walnut – Monday and Thursday

Most of our PE lessons this term will be outside but our weather is not easy to predict! Please ensure your child has access to clothing that will keep them warm or cool enough.

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As we are entering the summer months and the temperature will begin to rise, please can we request that all children come to school with a sun hat and a bottle of water, as well as sun cream already applied ready for the day.

If you have any questions or concerns at any point, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office or by making a note in your child's homework book.

Kind regards,

Mrs Williams, Miss Marshall, Mrs Nichols and Mrs Wilson

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