

# How can you help your child?

Helping your child to complete their homework and to hand it in on time will help them to revisit ideas covered in class.

Pupils in Year 4 will be set a piece of Maths and English homework each Friday. This homework will then be due in the following Tuesday.

The homework set may include playing a game, completing a worksheet or a task online. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any help.

**Spellings**—this year we will not be sending out spellings to be learnt each week. Instead our focus will be on encouraging children to apply what they learn in their spelling lessons in their writing. We may send a spelling homework home such as finding words, games or investigations.

**Reading**—Reading is such an important skill and needs to be regularly practised both at home and school. Please encourage your child to read at least 3 times a week at home and record this in their home reading diaries. This could be reading their school book but could also be a newspaper, magazine or a book from home.

## Dates for your Diary



Thursday 28th September  
Flash Mob Dance

Tuesday 19th September  
Meet the Teacher

# UP, UP



# AND AWAY!

# YEAR 4

## Wild Things!

Get your camera at the ready as Year 4 will be performing a flash mob for Marlborough Literature Festival along with 200 children from other schools from around the Marlborough area. The children will be learning the dance over the next few weeks ready to perform on Thursday 28th September at 11am. We hope to see all the children dress up as a "Wild Thing" and we will be sending out some ideas to help you with this shortly.



### English

We will be using the Marlborough Literature Festival's chosen children's book "Where the wild things are" to help us infer feelings and meanings. We will then be jet setting off on our own imaginary journey to a far flung land and creating our own mysterious creatures to write an adventure story all of our own.

### Maths

We will begin the year by working hard to learn all of the times table facts up to 12x12 and the related division facts. Knowing these facts is a vital skill to gain in year 4 to help solve problems quickly and efficiently. In addition to this we will be using co-ordinates to plan a journey and using different units of measure to find out how long their journey to see their wild things is.

### Science

The topic this term is Forces and Magnets. We will be finding out about different forces. Understanding the invisible power of a magnet by trying to move an object through a maze without touching it and investigating which materials are magnetic using magnetic goo!



**Geography** - We will be locating and naming different countries and looking at 2 different locations. We will be learning about maps and the 8 points on a compass.

**D & T** - We will be creating our own moving monsters. We will need empty washing up bottles to complete this task so please send them in!

**PE** - Flash Mob dance will be the focus of the indoor PE. Outside games will be practicing sending and receiving a ball in different sports such as football, rugby and hockey.

**RE** - We are learning to understand the special relationship between Jews and God and the promises they make to each other.

**PSHE** - We will be setting classroom expectations and discussing school values.

**Music** - We will using music to depict emotion and composing a piece of music for a "Wild Thing".

What is a force?

Can you find an object that sticks to a magnet?

Can you find an object that does not stick to a magnet?

Can you find an island in the northern hemisphere?

If you were a wild thing, where would you go?

Questions to Explore