

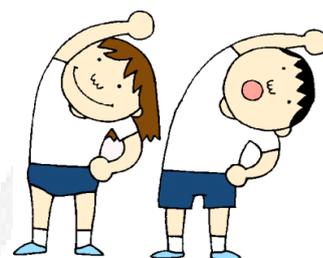
## Autumn Term Piranhas Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a great summer and a good break from school. We hope that the children are well rested and ready for the new school year as independent, hard-working year 4s. We have lots planned, including lots more outdoor learning using the school grounds.

### PE Kit:

PE days in Term 1 will be **Mondays (or some Tuesdays) and Thursdays**. Your child's kit needs to be in school every day just in case these sessions change for any reason. Please make sure that they have navy blue shorts, t-shirt, trainers and appropriate warm clothing for going outside when the weather turns. Feel free to take your child's kit home on a Friday if it needs washing but do please remember to send it back in on a Monday. Please remember to label all PE kit, school tops, jumpers and trainers/shoes. This is also important for all uniform and coats.



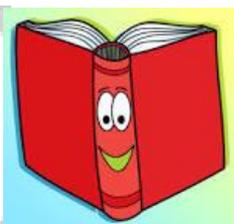
### Homework:

As year 4 operates as a teacher job-share, homework is set and handed in as detailed below:

**Tuesday** - Spellings or grammar work will be given out to be handed in on the following **Monday**.

**Friday** – Maths activities including x tables will be given out to be handed in on the following **Thursday**.

**Reading** – It is still vital that your child reads daily, preferably with you or at least discusses what they have read with you. This has a real impact on all of their work and really increases the vocabulary they are able to use in their written work.



If homework is not handed in on time, then children are expected to complete it during lunchtime.



### Water bottles:

Please remember to send your child in with a named water bottle which they can keep in the classroom as drinks from the water fountain are only available during break and lunch times.

## **Curriculum**

Boomerangs and Billabongs.

We will be looking at the geography and history of Australia through a range of books, using our new iPads, and art work. Science this term will be looking at animal habitats, (including Australian animals).

Let's Rock 'N' Roll

After half -term we will be studying a history mini-topic, looking at the life of early man and the changes from the Stone-Age to the Iron-Age. This will include a possible trip/visitor to enhance our learning.

## **Attendance**

Good attendance is vital for success, so please bear in mind that if your child is well enough to potter about at home then they are probably well enough to be in school. As long as they always work hard and join in with enthusiasm then they will have personal success.

## **Problems and Concerns:**

We all hope that everything runs smooth this year but would stress that if you do have any problems or concerns that you come and see one as soon as possible. Mornings are always busy but we will find time if it is urgent. Otherwise please catch us before school to arrange a time when we can meet to discuss your concern in more detail.

Please can we request for shoe boxes and kitchen roll tubes for upcoming art and D.T. projects.

Thank you,

*Caroline Blake and Zoe Rowe.*