



**Music:** Children will be continuing to explore the use of a range of instruments as well as using their voices expressively.

**Uniform, PE kits and water bottles:** As the weather will be getting warmer, please make sure your child has a water bottle in school. It should contain only water and be clearly labelled with your child's name. PE will take place every week so please ensure your child always has a PE kit in school. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are unsure about what your child should wear for PE. This term, Magnolia class swimming lessons will take place on a Friday morning.

Children need to be wearing the correct uniform and suitable footwear at all times. If children do not wear the appropriate footwear, they will have to change into their pumps. Your support in this area would be greatly appreciated. Please be aware that fleeces should only be worn outside and not in the classroom.

**Home learning:** Home learning will be given out every Friday and should be returned to school the following Wednesday. Home learning will be based on learning that has taken place in the classroom. It is important that home learning is completed to the best of your child's ability and handed in on time otherwise a consequence will be given. Home learning club will run on a Tuesday lunchtime for any children who are unable to complete the work at home. Children should also be practising their times tables and spellings on a weekly basis in preparation for their tests in school.

**Show & Tell:** Children will continue to participate in show and tell sessions during this term. Remember to check the timetables displayed on Magnolia Class' window and the door leading into Ash Class to ensure you know when it is your turn.

**Dates for your diary:**

20th June - Magnolia class assembly

25th June - Magnolia Class Mount Pleasant Farm visit

28th June - Ash Class Mount Pleasant Farm visit

Magnolia Class library visits - 24.04.18, 05.06.18, 03.07.18.

Ash Class library visits - 01.05.18, 12.06.18, 10.07.18.



# Hunter Gatherer



**Year 4  
Summer Term**



Welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed the holiday. The children have settled in well this week and are excited to begin their new learning. We are looking forward to continuing working in partnership with you to support your child's learning.

#### **Year 4 team:**

Mr Johnston (Ash Class Teacher)

Miss Best (Magnolia Class Teacher, Acting LKS2 Phase Leader)

Mrs Dudley (Teaching Assistant)

Mr Holder (Assistant Head Teacher)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you should have any concerns, we will do our best to answer your queries.

#### **Our topic:**

The theme for our summer term topic is 'Hunter Gatherer'.

The topic aims to take the children on a historical journey from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. We will be looking at the origins of agriculture and the changes it made to daily life. We hope you will encourage your child to research this topic at home as this will support them during their lessons.



**English:** This term, we will be making strong links between our topic and our writing by looking at the texts 'Stone Age Boy' and 'How to wash a Woolly Mammoth'. We will also be looking at 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by J.K. Rowling. In addition, each child will be given a reading book which will need to be read to an adult at home on a regular basis.

**Maths:** We will be focusing on problem solving, where we will expect the children to apply their mathematical knowledge of the four operations. Alongside this, children will continue to complete their times tables clubs to aid their recall of multiplication facts.

**Science:** This term, we will be studying animal and human biology. We will be exploring how animals and humans move, how to keep our bodies healthy, how to care for our teeth and how energy is moved through food chains and webs.

**PE:** Our PE sessions will have an athletics and games focus to prepare the children for sports day. Magnolia class will also have swimming lessons throughout this final term.

**Computing:** During this term, the children will be linking their topic and Computing lessons by creating websites based around the produce provided by farms.

**History:** This term, we will be studying the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

**The Arts:** The children will be looking at cave paintings and sculpture. The children will be creating their own canvas and using natural tools and materials to complete their art.

**SMSC:** We will be learning about the main religions through stories, with a focus on animal rights. We will link this learning to human rights and our school values.

**French:** The children will be learning about where they live and their home. They will also learn vocabulary linked to sport and continue expressing their likes and dislikes.