



## Welcome Back!

We hope that you have all had a delicious chocolate-filled Easter break and have been able to enjoy some of the emerging spring weather. It has been so lovely to see the children's happy faces returning back to school ready for the summer term and lots of new learning and experiences.

We are especially pleased to welcome back Mrs Kirk who will be based in 34A for the rest of the academic year.

## Our Summer Term Curriculum.

This term's topic comes under the heading of 'The Tudors, Good or Bad?' This topic is historically based and will involve the children learning about the key events of the period and impact and legacy of the different Tudor monarchs.

In Science, we will be investigating Plants which will involve lots of hands on activities—is there a Percy Thrower in the phase? (One for the oldies!)

## Wider Experiences!

After the adventures of our visit(s) to Kew Gardens, we are happy to announce that we haven't been put off of leaving the school and this term, to support our emersive learning as a part of topic, are off to Kentwell Hall, one of the finest moated Tudor houses in England.

## Year 4 multiplication tables check (MTC)

From this academic year, it is a statutory requirement for schools to administer the multiplication tables check (MTC).

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12 x 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help us to identify if your child may need additional support. It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will have 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take about 5 minutes to complete. There is no pass mark.

You do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check but we would ask you to continue to support your child with practising their times tables, e.g. by encouraging them to regularly go on Times tables Rock Stars—we recommend the Sound Check game.

## Home-Learning

Home learning continues to be an essential part of your child's learning and is set every Friday along with spellings. It is expected to be bought in the following Friday. Home learning prepares children for learning that they will be doing or consolidates learning they have been doing in class. Times Tables Rock Stars is an important part of ongoing home learning. Children are also expected to read five times a week.

### Other useful reminders

Please ensure that your child **always** has the following items in school:

- Coat (**named**)
- Water bottle (**named**)
- PE kit including plimsolls and an outdoor kit including trainers (**named**)
- Book bag or similar with reading book and reading diary and homework folder.

Part of our safeguarding against COVID 19 involves keeping the classrooms well-ventilated which means windows are kept open. Please ensure you send your child in to school with a jumper or cardigan to prevent them becoming cold and distracted from their learning.

### Dates for your diary

Start of Summer Term - **Tuesday 19th April**

Royal Opera House Trip - **Tuesday 10th May**

Summer Census Day — **Thursday 19th May**

Half term holiday - **week beginning 30th May**

Back to school and Queen's Jubilee Tea - **Monday 6th June**

School Trip — **to be confirmed**

Last day of Summer term - **Friday 22nd July**

Remember that lots of important information can be found on the school website:

<http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/>

Our Calendar

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