



Can you believe that the children have just one term left at Layston? There will be a lot going including the Hudnall Park residential trip in June and the leavers' service in July. We'll try our best to make it a fun and memorable conclusion to their time at Layston before a new chapter begins...

Year 4 Summer Learning

In maths, we will be finishing up multiplication & division before moving on to length & perimeter and then fractions.

In English, we will be using a couple of books to inspire our writing: *Biscuit Bear* (Mini Grey) and *The Raft* (Jim LaMarche).

In history, we will be learning about Ancient Egypt. Learning about mummification is always good fun.



In science, we will be learning about the digestive system, teeth and food chains.

In D&T, we'll be doing some cooking lessons and designing and making night lights and cereal boxes!

Housekeeping...

It would be greatly appreciated if **all items of clothing** were **named** in permanent pen or labelled (including Forest School clothes!). Unnamed items normally have a one-way trip to lost property.

Please ensure that **reading folders** (including reading records) are brought into school each day.

The **reading competition** is still running, but less than half the class have been taking part. Please ask if you need a new reading card.

You get one raffle ticket for every 10 pages read, and we're still doing monthly prize draws.

Lots of children have made super progress with their reading, and we want to keep that going through the summer term.

RE

Our value this half term is "love & compassion" and we have already been discussing this in collective worship. In class, we will be learning about Pentecost before moving on to Hinduism and Sikhism.



Forest School

Year 4 Forest School takes place **every other Tuesday** and children should come into school wearing the "Forest School uniform". We provide waterproof trousers and jackets where necessary, but children are welcome to bring in their own. Please ensure that you have named Wellington boots (which can be kept in school) and a change of shoes to wear inside.

Music

The children enjoy music lessons with Mrs Watkins on **Monday** mornings. It would be helpful if children had their own recorders. These can be kept in school.



French

Parlez-vous français? The children have weekly French lessons on Tuesday afternoons.



Cooking

We will be doing a few cooking sessions this term!



PE

We have PE every **Wednesday and Thursday** so please send your children into school in their PE kits on those days. Depending on the weather, this should include:

- PE T-shirt
- Jumper
- Shorts or jogging bottoms
- Trainers
- A jacket for cold/wet weather

No earrings on PE days please!

Spelling tests take place on **Thursdays**, with new spellings handed out afterwards. Completed spelling sheets should be returned to school on Thursdays.

Homework tasks can be found on the Year 4 class page on the school website. Please ask if you would like a printed copy.

Children are expected to know ALL the **times tables** (and division facts) by the end of the year. We will continue having weekly tests on **Wednesdays**. Please practice at home for these.

In June, Year 4 will complete the online “multiplication tables check”. Click [here](#) for further information. It takes just 5 minutes, but children only get 6 seconds to answer each question, so they need to know their times tables really well!

Reading at Home Plea...

Regular reading at home remains extremely important (including more confident readers). Research from all over the world shows that **children that read widely and often do better at school than children that don't**. Reading is the single most important factor in determining a child's future (economic, employment and well-being).

If you want to help your child at home, reading is the best thing you can do.

Ideally, **every child** should **read with an adult every day** (little and often is best so ten to fifteen minutes a day).

Should you have any concerns at all, please get in touch and we can arrange a meeting after school.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr Strahan, Mrs Scarrott, Mrs Strachan and Miss Morten



Year 4

Summer Term

**Loving to Learn,
Learning To Love,
For Every Child
A Chance To Shine**