

## Year 4



Dear Parents/Carers,



We've had a lovely – and much cooler – week in Year 4. A particular highlight was the Maya workshop on Thursday, where the children enjoyed stepping back in time and exploring this fascinating ancient civilisation through a range of engaging activities. In English, we have been writing our own persuasive speeches about saving a polar bear, inspired by our Master Reader text *The Last Bear*. The children have worked hard to use powerful language and convincing arguments. In maths, we have been learning about shape and coordinates, developing our understanding of graphs, tables and positioning on a grid.

### Dates

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – Children wear Games kit (as well as Thursday this week) for an additional Games session.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – Re-arranged DT Day (please see below)

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – Parents Evening (in person)

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Parents Evening (online)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Whole School Art Showcase (see flyer below for more information)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Last Day of Term. 1:30 finish

### **DT – Maya Hot Chocolate (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July)**

For our DT lesson on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July**, the children will be making their own traditional **Maya hot chocolate with a modern twist**. As part of this activity, they will be able to personalise their drink by adding their own ingredients.

Please provide your child with two ingredients in a **named container**. These might include syrups or spices such as **cinnamon, honey, vanilla**, etc. (**no nuts, please**).

The hot chocolate base we provide will be **dairy-free**. However, please let us know if your child has any additional allergies we should be aware of.

Thank you for your support!

## **Homework**

**Times Table Rockstars** – 21 minutes practise each week.

**Spelling** - Your child has been given the following spellings to learn for next Friday. You can also practise these on Spelling Shed.

guide  
possess  
forwards  
accident  
eighth  
occasion  
Wednesday  
actually  
busy  
forward

**Accelerated Reading** – Complete quizzes as and when your child has completed books. This should be roughly once per week. A common issue logging into accelerated reader, is the link, the following link will take you to the St Polycarp's portal which will ensure log in details are correct:

<https://login.renaissance.com/12d2c82e-5d71-4f43-b9a3-32d66f06dfcf?state=1558619e-124e-4167-9a6b-9e1fdd099032>

**Maths** – Maths homework has been set on maths.co.uk.

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/maths-with-michael>

This link will help explain how we have taught mathematical concepts in school. This week we have been teaching shape and coordinates.

## **Handwriting**

Handwriting videos are now available to access at home, should you wish. Please follow the following link: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/2xyKsbDJ/rrlDh5Ta>

## **Year 4 Weekly Challenge (optional)**

-  **Heatwave Maths Task** 

During a heatwave, the temperature at midday was:

- Monday: 25°C
- Tuesday: 27°C
- Wednesday: 30°C
- Thursday: 32°C
- Friday: 29°C

### **Questions**

- Put the temperatures in order from smallest to largest.
- Which day was the hottest? Which day was the coolest?
- How many degrees hotter was Thursday than Monday?
- How many days were 30°C or higher?
- Add together the temperatures for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Many thanks for continuing to support your child's learning. If you have any questions or messages for your child's class teacher, please come and speak to us at the end of the day or email [info@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk).

The Year 4 Team  
Mr Jacobs & Miss Vardy

**ST POLYCARPS PRESENTS  
A WHOLE SCHOOL**



# **ART SHOWCASE**

**We would like to invite our wonderful Parents  
and Carers to our whole school Art showcase!**

**WHEN?**

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
3:20PM - 4:00PM**

**WHERE?**

**POPE FRANCIS HALL -  
ENTER THROUGH THE  
BLUE GATE**

**BTW**

**Year 2 will also be hosting a Bake Sale to  
raise money for their class charity - Water  
Aid. This will be outside the Pope Francis Hall,  
bring cash in exchange for delicious treats!**

## **St Polycarp's Polyphonics Choir**

If your child is in the choir for Summer Term, they can rehearse using the following link: <https://www.eemusicclass.co.uk/shared/N70Fqk9XP1AkzT6K> Clicking on the link will take you to a page showing icons for our three songs. Click on the icon of your choice and then use the interactive content – lyrics to rehearse with words on screen function. To sing without lyrics and voices, use the audio – accompaniment function.

## **A Note from Mr Ellson:**

Mr Ellson will shortly be leaving the 'National Singing Programme' and, before he departs, would like to invite any children he has taught at St Polycarp's, along with their parents, to attend an Evensong or service at Guildford Cathedral, where he sings as lay clerk. It is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the peace of the Cathedral and experience the English Choral Tradition in an Anglican setting. Services are from 5:30pm – 6:15pm on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 6pm – 7pm on a Sunday.

Please see below for guidance on reading in Key Stage Two  
Reading in Key Stage 2

## **Handy Hints**



- Make reading part of your daily routine.
- Short sessions – **15 minutes per day.**
- Continue to read out loud to an adult as well as independently.
- Try to read a range of books including fiction and non-fiction.
- Complete the Accelerated Reader quiz at home, ideally within 24-48 hours of finishing the book.

## **How can parents help?**

### **Reading improves with practice.**

Encourage your child to read at home, share your own books, discuss books, ask questions about the book they have read and visit the local library. Check that your child is completing the reading quiz – this is part of their weekly homework.