

Year 4



Dear Parents/Carers,



We have had another wonderful week in Year 4, with Year 4 coping very well with the hot weather! In English, the children have been writing persuasive speeches, showing great creativity. In Maths, we have been learning about coordinates and developing our understanding of shape. We also had an exciting start to the week with an art workshop on Monday.

Next Friday, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Wills, who has been a trainee teacher in Jays this year. She has been a fantastic addition to the team and a brilliant teacher. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the very best as she begins her teaching career!

Dates

Thursday 2nd July – Year 4 Maya Workshop. Children are welcome to dress up as explorers or Mayas (see information below).

Friday 3rd July – This week only, children should wear their Games kit on Friday instead of Thursday due to the Maya workshop.

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

Monday 6th July – Re-arranged DT Day (please see below)

Tuesday 7th July – Parents Evening (in person)

Thursday 9th July – Parents Evening (online)

Wednesday 15th July – Art Showcase in Pope Francis Hall after school.

Friday 17th July – Last Day of Term. 1:30 finish

DT – Maya Hot Chocolate (Monday 6th July)

For our DT lesson on **Monday 6th 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.

Bicycle
Biplane
Biped
Bicentennial
Biannual
Bilingual
Biscuit
Biceps
Binoculars
Bisect

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.

The Year 4 Team
Mr Jacobs & Miss Vardy

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.

Mayan workshop

If the children would like to become more involved in our workshop, we recommend dressing as an Archaeologist or an explorer.



Mayan headdresses and masks are also a lot of fun to make, if dressing up isn't possible

