



# Jessie Younghusband School

## Year 4 – Curriculum Letter – Summer Term

Another exciting term has started and we hope that you will find the information in this curriculum letter useful.

### Reminders:

- ★ Please check that all school uniform, book bags, lunch boxes, water bottles and sun hats are clearly marked with your child's name.
- ★ Please could you ensure that named P.E. kit is in school every Monday and taken home for washing, and cleaning of trainers where necessary, on Friday. During this term, the children will be practicing athletics, playing rounders and they will continue their swimming lessons. They will also need to take wet swimming things home at the end of each Thursday.
- ★ Children will continue to be set one formal piece of homework on Thursday (to be in school by the following Tuesday), but learning spellings, tables and finding time for regular (preferably daily) reading practice should be happening in addition to set homework each week. Spelling books need to be in school on a Monday ready for the new spellings to be set.



### Last term:

Last term, we had a lot of fun learning about the Mayans. The children really enjoyed their session with Paul Ullson, and have worked really hard throughout the topic. Our Mayan Day got off to a great start with the assembly, most of which the children wrote themselves. The rest of the day was a great success, with cooking and sampling of Mayan food, as well as creating a Mayan birthday glyph! The children had worked very hard at making their headdresses, they looked fantastic!

Other highlights last term included:

**Book Day:** The children enjoyed coming to school dressed as a book character as well as taking part in creative writing activities.

**Music Concert:** The children performed very well in their concert; playing a variety of pieces. It was amazing to think that they had not played the clarinet before September!

The children will be bringing home their topic books at the end of this week. Again we hope that you will have time to chat with your child about their work; we hope you enjoy looking at the examples of work included.

Please take time to record some thoughts about your child's achievements on the topic evaluation sheet before returning the topic book to school again next week. We are

required to keep the book in school until the end of the current academic year as evidence of work completed in the spring term.

Thank you for all the support you have given your children over the last term. Your effort is greatly appreciated and enhances the children's learning experience hugely.



**This term:**

This term we have a Geography topic, Rivers. The children will study a local river, from its source to its mouth, as well as other more famous rivers – and we will learn about maps as part of this. We have a trip to Pulborough Brooks booked for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, along with many cross-curricular projects that the children will enjoy, such as designing and constructing bridges.

In addition to our Geography topic of Rivers, we will have a History focus on the Tudors. Please refer to the attached Curriculum Jigsaw plan for details of the many other curriculum areas that will be covered this term!

A whole school project around Pallant House Art Gallery, sports day and the Summer Fair are all exciting events to look forward to this term.

**Ideas for supporting your child's learning:**

- Look at some local maps and see if you can identify where the rivers are; follow their journey.
- If you visit any rivers look out for meanders and oxbow lakes.
- Explore some habitats in your garden. What sort of animals and plants live there? How are these animals and plants adapted to their life in this habitat?

**Finally**, if you have any time and would like to be involved in any activities please do let us know.