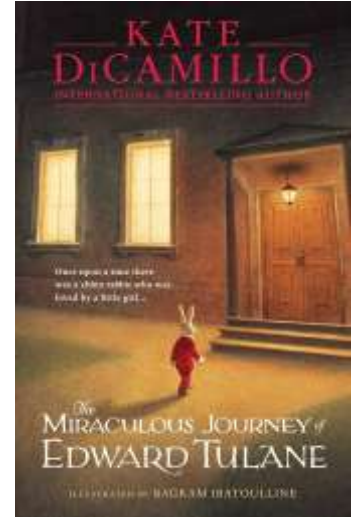


# Willow Class Summer Term

We hope that you have had an enjoyable Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming you back into year 4. We have a busy but exciting term ahead of us. This newsletter should cover any questions you may have, however, if you have any further questions then please feel free to e-mail or speak to myself, or a member of the support team. We are always happy to help.

## Our learning this term

This term we will be learning about the Victorian era as part of our study of British history. We will kick-start the topic with a Victorian-themed hook day. Our main focus will be on the lives of Victorian children, but we will also learn about other significant changes that happened in the UK (and around the world) during this period of history. We will be carrying out lots of investigations and experiments in science, as we learn more about the topics of electricity and sound. Expect lots of practical lessons! In geography, we will be focusing mainly on the physical geography of rivers and mountains and how they impact human geography, including some fieldwork. Our main texts in English will be: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, *Street Child*, and *Leon & The Place Between*. Please keep practising those times tables, as all year 4 classes will take part in the statutory check during the summer term.



## Home Learning

Our home learning will be split into 2 categories: weekly essentials and enrichment ideas.

### Weekly Essentials:

**Reading:** Please continue to support your child's home reading. We ask that they read for a minimum of 3 times a week which should be logged in your reading diaries. We would really like to see more involvement in this area.

**Maths Challenges:** A maths challenge will be provided each week. **We will be mostly focussing on consolidating times tables knowledge this term, through home learning.**

**Spelling challenge:** Spellings should be practised on Spelling Shed. These will be tested on a Friday.

**Flashback 4:** This will be in the form of 4 retrieval questions. This will be a quick task to complete and help children to remember what they have been learning across the curriculum.

### Enrichment Ideas:

Please choose some of these activities over the whole of the term to show creativity with your home learning.

## General Reminders

- **PE:** Our main PE focus will be our weekly swimming sessions, which will begin on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April. In addition to this, we will still have another PE session each week, to work on athletics skills, batting and fielding games, as well as yoga and well-being activities. Please ensure kits are in at the beginning of every week.
- **Uniform:** Can you please make sure uniform & PE kits are clearly labelled to avoid confusion when children misplace some of their belongings.
- **Coats:** As the weather is changeable and we like to use our outdoor learning environment, please ensure that your child has a suitable coat with them regardless of the weather conditions.
- **Water bottles:** The children should bring in a water bottle from home with a sports style cap, which they can access throughout the day. They will be encouraged to change their water regularly and take them home each evening to be washed. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.
- **Rucksacks:** Your child should only need to bring their packed lunch, a water bottle and their reading book if they wish to change it. PE kits can be stored at school throughout the term. As children should not be bringing non-essential items in from home, rucksacks should not be brought into school, especially as there is limited storage space in the classroom.



### Look out for...

- 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Victorian-themed Hook Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> April - Intra-School PE Competition
- 7<sup>th</sup> May - Reading & Maths Breakfast
- 20<sup>th</sup> May - Walk to School Week
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Founders' Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> June - Times Table Checks
- 13<sup>th</sup> June - Class Photos
- 27<sup>th</sup> June - KS2 Sports Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> July - Water Project

We will also be observing other important events this term, including: World Autism Day, Eid-Al-Fitr, Passover, Mental Health Awareness, Pride Month, World Environment Day, Refugee Week, Armed Forces Day  
Keep checking class blogs and Facebook for regular updates to our learning journey!

### Victorian School Hook Day - 22<sup>nd</sup> April

*Fancy dress optional - Victorian children, inventors, chimney sweeps, Queen Victoria herself?*

**Thank you for reading. Mr Middleton**