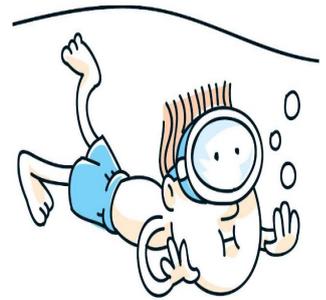




# Class 4 Newsletter - Term 5

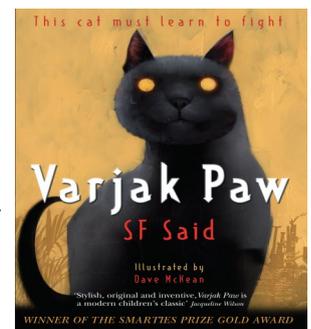
Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are ready for the challenges of the new term. As it is now the summer term it means that the children will recommence swimming again. Therefore I'm going to start with a plea for help as we need one parent every week to help for health and safety reasons. We will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons between 1.00 - 2.10. so if you are able to volunteer please can you see me or put your name on the rota that will shortly be appearing outside the office.



This term the children's learning will focus around castles. They will be studying why people built castles and how they developed and changed overtime. They will also investigate how castles were attacked and defended. We are planning a visit to Hever castle which will allow the children to experience what castle life might have been like. As Hever castle was once the home of Anne Boleyn the children will also be given the opportunity to learn about the Tudor period and how it was an important time in British history. I will need a few parent helpers for our trip to Hever so if anyone is available on Wednesday 3rd May and would like to come please let me know.

During literacy lessons this term the children will be studying in depth the text *Varjak Paw* by SF Said. The text will provide the children with a range of opportunities for writing in different genres and look carefully at how longer stories are structured and created. In numeracy this term the children will be primarily focussing on geometry. They will be learning about different types of angles and how to measure them accurately. They will also be learning to identify the properties of two and three-dimensional shapes and plot points on a grid.



During this term the children will continue to be set spellings on a Monday, which will be tested the following week, and have a times table test on Friday. The children are still expected to read at home regularly and could be encouraged to research information about our castle topic, which they would be more than welcome to bring in to share with the rest of the class. We will also be trialling a new homework system this term where children are set a number of challenges for the entire term and then are asked to select and complete one of them every week. More information regarding this will be given to you shortly. Finally, as always, if there are any questions or queries do feel free to come and see me or make an appointment through the school office. Thanks for your continued support,



Mr Wills