Year 4 Communication Note

Thursday 16th April 2026	**Topic: Summer 1 – Beyond Where We Live** **Love to Read and Learn to Read book:** Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo.

This Week

★ In English, we have just started looking at our new text 'Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo'. We made predictions on what we thought the story would be about and then designed and built our own rafts.

★ In Maths, we have been learning the distributive law and finding efficient ways to multiply.

★ We started our science unit looking at states of matter, we were able to use some of the things we learned in our workshop at Winchester Science centre.

Home Learning

Summer 1 Topic home Learning:

For your topic homework this half term we would like you to create your own island based on our love to learn text 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. This could be a physical model, a drawing, a PowerPoint or even a holiday brochure for your island. This homework is due in on **Friday 15th May 2026.**

Weekly Home learning:

Please remember that children are expected to practise: their spellings **at least** 3 times per week, TTRS **at least** 3 times a week and read **at least** 3 times per week. This month we would like to see the children completing **3 soundchecks per week, 3 studio games** and a minimum of **15 minutes on garage.**

Reminders

★ Children are expected to come to school with a coat, water bottle and book bag every day. Please ensure your child has everything they need for school and that all items are clearly named.
★ If your child has shoulder length hair or longer, please remember that this needs to be tied up as part of our school uniform policy
★ Year 4 PE days are on Monday and Tuesday
★ Our Library Day is on a Friday.

Dates

★ **2026 challenge - deadline 17th April**
★ **Parents Evenings - Wednesday 22nd April and Thursday 23rd April 2026**
★ **Bank holiday Monday – Monday 4th May**
★ **Happy's Circus - Friday 8th May 5pm onwards**
★ **15th May - Topic homework due in**
★ **Children break up for half term - Friday 22nd May 2026**
★ **INSET day - Monday 1st June 2026**

We are updating our English as an Additional Language (EAL) register to make sure our records are accurate and up to date. To help support your child and continue celebrating our multilingual community, we kindly ask you to complete the EAL form - https://forms.office.com/e/i7mswW5yPh

We are looking for volunteers who would like to support our young readers across the school. If you can offer a couple of hours each week, we would love to welcome you as a *Reading Volunteer*. Your role would involve listening to children read, encouraging their love of books, and helping build their confidence as developing readers. No experience is necessary—just a passion for supporting children and a willingness to give your time. If you are interested or would like more information, please let us know. Your support can make a wonderful difference!