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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. Below is a quick overview of the topic and subjects that will be taught in Class 4 during the Summer term and some other information regarding homework and PE. I hope you find this useful.

Maths

A huge focus this term, as has been throughout this year, will be times tables to aid the children in our Maths work. We will continue to work on these in class using various strategies. This term we will be taking part in the Multiplication Check Test which would have been statutory this year. Lots of extra work on Times Tables at home would be great using sites like Times Table Rock Stars and Hit the button. It is really important that the children are practicing their times tables and utilising the 'sound check' function on Times Tables Rock Stars as much as possible as this closely replicates the Multiplication Check Test we will be taking soon.

Also this term in Maths we will be covering:

- Fractions
- Decimals
- Time
- Area

English

This term we will be continuing to work on embedding some key English skills and language. This will include:

- Handwriting – we will be focusing heavily on presentation of work, speed and fluency. Writing with the correct formation of letters, size and position. Children should be joining their handwriting at this stage. We will link handwriting to spellings as learning to join words helps a lot of children (kinesthetic learners) to learn their spellings as they can 'feel' how the word is spelt.
- Spelling – children will explore and learn a different spelling rule and pattern each week and the spellings sent home will reinforce that week's pattern.
- Grammar – correctly punctuating direct speech, using a variety of conjunctions and including fronted adverbials in our writing.

Our main English sessions will focus around our class novels and topic. Most of our writing and reading comprehension will be drawn from these. At the start of this half term we will be basing our work on the book 'Alice in Wonderland' and using clips from the film adaptation as a stimulus too. The writing outcomes from this will be character and setting descriptions as well as a portal adventure story. Also, this term we will be using the text 'How to train your dragon' and using this as a stimulus for writing explanation texts and instructions. We will regularly be reading a range of text types and will be answering VIPERS questions to help the children to develop their comprehension skills.

Topics

This term we will be carrying on with our 'What was it like to be a Roman?' topic. Also this term we will be starting a topic about rivers. For this our topic question will be 'Where does a river go?'. We will link in all DT, Art, Geography and History skills to our topics as well as basing some of our writing around them.

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For our Roman topic we still have the following left to look at:

- When and how did the Romans invade Britain?
- What were Roman roads like?
- Why did the Romans use special baths?
- What was Romanisation?

For our 'Where does a river go?' topic we will be looking at:

- Where does our water come from?
- Where are the biggest rivers in the world?
- What are the main features of a river?
- How do humans use rivers?

Science

The science topic being taught this term will be 'Animals including humans'. These sessions will include a few experiments and children will be expected to write up their experiments and discuss aspects such as fair testing, conclusions and presenting data. We will be using lots of scientific language and developing our skills within the subject.

Other subjects

We will have at least one hour of discreet ICT each week as well as using ICT as an integral part of lessons in the classroom. In Spanish sessions we will be looking at families and pets. We also have music lessons on a regular basis.

Our PE days this term will continue to be Thursdays and Fridays. School PE kit is expected to be worn for all PE lessons and any sports clubs attended. Children may come to school wearing their PE kit on their allocated PE days. PE kit is a white T-shirt with navy blue bottoms, it's also a good idea to send something in case of cold weather e.g. navy jumper or jacket and long navy pants.

Homework/Online Learning

Homework is a really useful way for children to reinforce and develop the skills they've been learning in class and for parents to have an insight in to what their child is learning at school.

We will use the same websites for our homework as we use for our online remote learning. The children should be very familiar with these by now as we have also used them regularly in school before the lockdown.

- Learning times tables (TT Rock Stars)
- Practicing any spellings sent home – these will be linked to the pattern or rule explored in class. The majority of spelling homework given will be given via Spelling Shed.
- Reading log - each child should be reading regularly and have their reading log signed 3 times each week.
- Maths, GPS & Topic: I will try to find tasks on Purple Mash/Quiz Shed which link to the work being done in class when possible.

I hope that this information will be useful and may I take this opportunity to invite you to get in touch if ever you have any issues or concerns. The best way to do this is to contact the office. Remember to keep an eye on our class page!

I am looking forward to a fantastic last term of Year 4 together.

Yours sincerely

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