**Information for Year 4 Parents - Spring Term 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back following the festive holidays. Thank you all so much for our cards and generous gifts – they were all wonderful and appreciated. We are looking forward to a busy and productive term in which we shall be continuing to challenge the children to work independently and become increasingly responsible in their learning.

Please remember to send in a PE kit for your child including track suit bottoms; there were many children last term who did not have the appropriate kit. Filled water bottles are also a great idea for children to bring in as this allows them to drink as much water as they need during lessons without the need for leaving the classroom.

PLEASE NOTE that if you would like to discuss any concerns or worries or just relay information please arrange a time after school or give a note to the office.

**Pencil Cases**

In Year 4 the children have been allowed to bring in their own, small pencil cases. They may have their own writing pencil, rubber, sharpener, ruler and set of felt tips and colouring pencils. Other items are provided at school, as well as these basic items, if children do not want to bring their own.

Please find below a summary of our topics in all subject areas for the spring term as well as important dates for your diary.

Many thanks for reading this newsletter and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Ghosseiri, Mrs Vald, Miss Rolle and Miss Kilminster

**Summary of work for this term (for further detail, our medium term curriculum map can also be found on the webpage):**

**Literacy**

We will be looking at a variety of non-fiction and fiction texts focussing on autobiographies, play scripts and story writing. We will also complete a book study of The Worst Witch. The children will develop an understanding of the features of these texts and how to write in the style of each genre. This term we shall also be concentrating on punctuation skills, using conjunctions to extend our sentences, using the correct tense and using speech marks effectively and correctly. Our class assemblies and school play this term will also cover many aspects of drama and speaking and listening.

**Reading**

We read daily with the class through our reading programme, Destination Reader as well as reading a class book regularly throughout the week. Please continue to read at home with your children and to question them about what they are reading. This vital activity helps children with all aspects of learning and also strengthens the link between home and school leaning which benefits the children greatly.

**Maths**

Our focus on mental arithmetic and calculations will continue this term. We will also cover multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, measurements (including converting units), rounding, data handling and problem solving activities.

**Multiplication**

A key target in Year 4 is times tables and all children should aim to know all multiplication tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of the year. We will continue to focus on the times tables everyday with the children and encourage them to practise at home as well. Year 4 will participate in the National Multiplication Check in June this year and we would like the children to be as prepared as possible.

**Integrated Studies**

This term, our topic is exploring the big question ‘Sport is part of society, how and why?’ Children will embark on an exploration of the history of football, disability and sport, the significance of the Olympics. Through this topic they will also work on their Design and Technology skills by planning, designing and making their own football logo and trophies. In Music we will be listening to and learning about national anthems. In P.E. we will start the term learning dances for our show and after half term we will be playing and learning different Paralympic sport, such as, sitting volleyball. We shall also be looking at: Sound and the Water Cycle in Science. In RE, the children will learn about sacred books and develop an importance for different religions. They will also learn about inspirational people and think about people in their lives who inspire them. In Spanish Year 4 will learn to talk about their hobbies and interests, vocabulary to describe the weather and learn numbers up to 1000.

**Homework**

We shall continue to give out homework each Friday which must be returned by the following Wednesday. Please ensure the work is completed at home as the tasks help consolidate learning in school and also foster good study habits for the future. Any help you give your child is always welcome.

**Bug Club and Mathletics**

We will continue to use Bug Club and Mathletics for some of our homework this term. If your child has problems logging in then please ask your teacher for log in details as these sites form an integral part of consolidating work completed in class. If your child has not got internet access then they can come to Homework Club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to complete the homework set on these sites.

**Spellings**

As you are aware, spellings are included in our weekly homework and the children are tested in school. In addition, a list of the spellings that all children in Year 4 are expected to know are available on our Year 4 webpage.

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