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Dear Parent/Carers,

What's going on in Year 4?
Summer Term 1 – 2024

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fun-filled break over Easter and are now full of energy for our first half-term of summer. There's lots to keep us busy in the weeks ahead.

Our main focus this half-term will be our Geography Topic: Rivers: *How does a river change on its journey from source to mouth?* We hope to consolidate our learning with a trip to the River Trent at Gunthorpe later in the half-term – details to follow. In Science, we will be talking about all things to do with nutrition, digestion and excretion.

Other areas we expect to be covering:

Maths Decimals, money and time.

English We will be looking at traditional stories aimed at older children and exploring performance poetry using a book called '*Rhythm of the Rain*'. Punctuation and grammar sessions will form an integral part of each of our lessons. We will continue to have our weekly spelling and handwriting sessions.

PE PE for this half-term will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our focus will be athletics and tennis.

RE We'll be talking about Hindu celebrations.

Art We will be looking at developing our skills with watercolours.

For more information on subject coverage see the half term overview on our Web page.

Homework- will continue to be given out on a Friday and expected back in the following Thursday.

The following homework list is intended as a guide line/suggestion to help you support your child in the work they do out of school. Actual times may vary according to the ability of your child and you should use your judgement to gauge their individual needs.

- Daily reading – ideally to an adult for a minimum of fifteen minutes.
- Reinforcement of spelling strategies which will be checked at school. We recommend visiting spellings daily for a short period of time rather than cramming the night before or morning of a spelling test. Spellings will usually be checked on Mondays.
- Times-tables – tested weekly in a timed test (5 minutes on Fridays). All children are now revising all the times-tables each week. Fast and accurate recall of all times-tables is essential so that children do not get bogged down in calculations when learning the mechanics of formal written multiplication and division methods.

It is anticipated that your child's homework diary will be used as a 2-way channel of communication between school and home. We would therefore be grateful if it is signed by a parent/carer on a weekly basis, adding anything you wish to tell us. We aim to check and sign diaries once a week. If you do write a note to us in the diary, please ask your child to let us know there is a message for us.

Please can you also make the Year 4 staff aware of any instances where your child will be collected by someone other than their primary carer. This includes times where you would like your child to meet you somewhere other than the classroom door. You can write this information in their homework diary.

If you have any expertise that you can share with the class, then please let us know. We are looking forward to the term ahead and thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Powell and Mr Good

The Year 4 Team



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