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Dear Parents

Moving & Growing

Welcome to Year 4! We have already made a great start to the academic year and begun our exciting learning journey.

The topic for the term is a Science based topic, where we shall learn all about how we move and grow using our bones and muscles, as well as a little about why and how plants move and grow.

We shall also be looking at how life has changed throughout the 20th and 21st centuries. We have started with ourselves and we shall travel back in time to discover how life has changed from the present to Victorian times. We shall look at the music of each decade, which will allow us to listen to music of the Beatles! This year we shall be performing Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, so Year 4, start practising for the auditions if you want a starring role! We hope to organise a trip at the beginning of November to Milestones Museum in Basingstoke which will enhance our learning and give us the experiences of life in the past. We will keep you posted!

In Geography we shall be studying weather and weather variations across the world, by the end of the term we should be able to measure the various aspects of weather that we experience in Midhurst and contrast this with different parts of the world.

In RE we shall be studying how the Bible grew into the book we use today as well as looking at an aspect of the Christmas story.

ICT will be supporting all our learning and of course we shall have weekly sessions where we learn specific skills that we can apply. This term the children will be increasing their skills in using Microsoft Word, learning how to use and construct a branching data base, using Dazzle, a graphics programme, and refining the way that we extract information from the INTERNET.

Art & DT are both linked with our topic and as well as improving their skills the children will be looking at the art of different eras like Andy Warhol and Op Art. We are focussing on Food Technology this term and making the most of our super kitchen and the expertise of Mrs Cobbold. This will happen after Half term and Mrs Lovett is

looking for 2 or 3 parents to help her with this on Friday afternoon. Please let us know if you could support this area of learning. (Mrs Lovett takes the children each Friday and she has brilliant artistic talent which she shares with them on her day).

We hope to have a weekly swimming session up to Half Term; this will be on Tuesday morning. Please ensure that your child has their kit in school and that it is named. After Half Term we shall be doing Gym in the hall and using the PE apparatus to move and balance with control. The children have a weekly games session every Thursday with Brighton & Hove. Please make sure that all kit is in school for this and fully named.

The children will have daily Numeracy & Literacy sessions. On Monday they will have a spelling test, so each week please help them learn their 10 spellings. On Thursday there will be a times table test, again your support in practising these makes all the difference.

There will be a weekly homework task set, to be completed over the weekend, this should take about 30 minutes. In addition to this, I really hope that you will hear your child read every day, it will make all the difference in the world!

As you can see we have an action packed term ahead of us and if we work in partnership your child has the greatest possible chance of making good progress, achieving their potential and making the most of all the opportunities that year 4 offers.

Please don't hesitate to pop in if you have any concerns, before 8.50 is useful so that we can chat without the children, and lessons are not interrupted. Alternatively any afternoon after school, except Tuesday as we have our staff meeting then.

Thank you in anticipation of all your support,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Willing

Mrs K Lovett