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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I have been extremely impressed at how the children have adapted to all the new routines. The children have settled well into Year 4 and they have made a good and a very positive start to the year.

Firstly, here is a brief outline of our areas of study:

Science – Children will be learning about electricity and sound.

Art – In art we are focussing on the artist Hockney. We will be looking at primary, secondary and tertiary colours, drawing a one-point perspective and painting landscapes.

DT – In Design and Technology, Year 4 will be learning and creating simple circuits using batteries, wires and lightbulbs. We will be designing and creating a battery-operated night light focussing on design features and what the light will be used for.

Geography – Linked to our topic, we will be heading out to walk part of the South Downs Way and learning about how the geology, landscape and habitats make our local area special. Children will be learning about mapping and locating features on an OS map. As part of learning about local Geography, we will also be walking to St. Anne's Hill to observe how settlements have changed over time.



South Downs Way.

History – This term our topic in History is Stone Age to Iron Age.

PE – In PE this term we are doing dance and football. In dance, the children will be focussing on movement, rhythm and choreography. In football, we will be using focussing on team work, decision making, dribbling skills, shooting and receiving the ball.

RE – In RE the children will explore Hinduism – Karma and Incarnation - God - What is the Trinity?

Music – This term, we are following a unit of work with on Charunga which gives opportunities for children to sing, learn about rhythm, beat and tempo. The children also have weekly singing with other classes.

French – This term, we will be learning about days, months, weather and French culture.

Computing – Year 4 will be learning about online safety this term as well as an introduction to making music and Effective Searching which includes how to find information from a search results page, how to search effectively to find out information and how to identify if an information source is true and reliable.

In addition, **maths** and **literacy** lessons will be taught **daily** (linked to our topic work when appropriate). We aim to hear the children read once a week, more with certain children. This is usually done by our fantastic volunteer – Mrs Jane Barton, as well as our lovely teaching assistant Mrs Mepstead. As well as other opportunities to practise reading skills through our work in class. When you hear your child read at home, please remember to write in the red reading record book. They will then get a sticker and when they have 10 stickers they will be rewarded with some golden time. I ask that all children are heard by an adult **at least once a week** as this also can aid their overall understanding of a higher-level text. I have also asked the children to write in their reading record book if they read to themselves at home, as many are very independent. To earn their stickers this will still need an adult’s signature.

The children will have regular spellings and times tables to learn – these are set weekly. Spellings are given out on Monday and tested on Friday, while times-tables are tested every Tuesday. There will be additional homework tasks set weekly. I will try to set these on Seesaw and also as a paper copy so that you can choose which option you prefer. Their Seesaw QR codes and login details are attached – please do ask if you require another one.

H/W	SET	DUE/TESTED ON
Spelling	Monday	Friday
X Tables	Thursday	Tuesday
Additional Homework	Wednesday	Monday (Tuesday as a last resort!)

We are looking forward to our trips linked to our overall topic and will keep you posted regarding these in due course. Shortly, I will also be sending out a quick guide to Year 4 with some handy tips about how best to support your child at home with the learning we are doing in school. Playing Times Tables Rock Stars and Spelling Frame daily (even if only for 10mins) is my top tip at the moment!

The children will have two P.E. lessons per week. They will work with the Aspire coaches on Tuesdays and do dance with me on Fridays.

By the time you receive this letter we will have completed the third week of term already and been for a wonderful walk across part of the South Downs way! If there any further queries I am very happy to answer these and can usually be found in the classroom at the end of the day.

With best wishes,

Mrs Griffiths