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Dear parents/guardians,

Happy New Year! Welcome to the spring term.  
It is great to have everyone back after an exciting Christmas break.

This term the topic being studied by Maple and Beech class. (Years 3 and 4) is '**Life on the Edge.**'

Below is a brief outline of our areas of study:

- **Science:** States of matter – exploring and testing solids, liquids and gasses.  
The water cycle and the properties of water.
- **Geography:** Mountains how are they made? Research into Volcanoes.
- **History:** Who were the Saxons? Push and pull factors.
- **Design Technology:** Levers and Linkages.



- **Art:** Hokusai using printing and painting techniques. Drawing techniques
- **Religious Education:** Why is Muhammad important to Muslims?



- **Computing:** Safer Internet Day 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024. **Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.**
- Coding, including a whole school activity 'Hour of Code' and STOP, GO animation.
- **Music:** Glockenspiels Level 2. Reading music notes EFDC and singing.
- **Physical Education:** Swimming and gymnastics.

In addition, maths and literacy lessons will be taught daily (linked to our topic work when appropriate).



# READING

The children will have regular reading sessions, as well as other opportunities to practise reading skills by reading to adults in school. When you hear your child read at home, please remember to write in the red log book. They will earn stickers and every 10 reads at home earn them golden time! I have also asked the children to write in their log book if they read to themselves at home. We will have a class book that I will read to them daily and it would be great if you read to your child too. Please encourage your child to read everything around them. Road signs, cookery books, comics, you can even put the text on your television. The more they read the broader their vocabulary.



The children will continue to have regular spellings on Spelling Frame and times tables to learn on Ttrockstars. Passwords and user names are in the red homework book. The red homework books will be sent home on a Wednesday and will need to be returned back to school on Monday morning.



Times tables will be tested on Tuesdays as all year 4 children are required by the Government to a times tables check in June. More information to follow in the Summer Term.



Spellings will be checked on Monday afternoon and new spellings will be set.

There will be homework tasks set online on Seesaw on Wednesdays this will be linked to the work we are doing in class. Please let me know if you need a copy of your child's seesaw code.

The children will have two P.E. lessons per week. We will be having Aspire for P.E. on Tuesdays, and on Thursdays this first half term year 4 will be swimming. Can your child please bring their PE kit in on Monday ready for the week ahead. After half term we will return back to PE on a Friday.

<b>h/w</b>	<b>Set</b>	<b>due/TESTED ON</b>
<b>Spelling</b>	Tuesday	Monday
<b>X Tables</b>	Wednesday	Tuesday
<b>Additional Homework</b>	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.

Playing Times Tables Rock Stars and Spelling Frame daily (even if only for 10mins) is my top tip at the moment!

By the time you receive this letter we will have completed the third week of term already.

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.

If you are not coming up to the playground and would like to speak to me please contact the office and we can then arrange a suitable time.

Best wishes,  
Mrs K. Griffiths