



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year.

'Welcome to the 1st half of the Spring term. We hope you enjoyed your recent break, and that you are looking forward to the exciting activities we have planned for Year 4 between now and Easter! We hope that by working together we can make this a happy and very productive half-term for your child, offering them interesting and challenging activities and experiences and ensuring that they make the best possible progress with their learning. This half term will be having fun exploring the topic of **'They Have Made a Difference'** looking at different significant figures in their own and other cultures.

Homework

Maths and Spellings homework will generally be set on a Friday and is due in the following Friday. Occasionally there may also be small tasks related to our other areas of learning. Reading at home is essential and comments in the reading diary relating to this are very useful. With new curriculum expectations, it is vital that the children in Year 4 learn and secure their times tables up to 12x 12. Regular practice at home is extremely important and the children will be tested weekly using a times tables challenge activity to assess their progress.

PE

A reminder that school PE kit should be worn. Suitable footwear is also required for outdoor games. A change of footwear and suitable socks are very important as many of the lessons will be on the field. It is advisable to leave earrings and jewellery at home on P.E. days.

Please support your child by ensuring they have their named P.E. Kit in school.

MFL

The children are very lucky this term as they are continuing to be taught German by Frau Savage.

Curriculum Overview.

RE- Christian Journeys

- *Consider their own feelings about making journeys and understand the beliefs and values of others who have made journeys.*
- *Appreciate why many Christian missions take people away from their homes.*
- *Consider their own life as a journey and what skills and qualities are needed to take them on their journey in the future.*

Topic (Geography/History/ICT/ D&T/ Art)- They Have Made a Difference.

Science- Sound

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Water Bottles.

Please send your child to school with a water bottle to keep in the classroom. This will need to be taken home and washed regularly. Only water should be taken into the classroom.

Twitter.

Please follow our class on twitter we will use this in an effort to keep you more informed about what we are doing and share some of the fantastic things that happen in school. If you would like to follow us on Twitter, our user name is @Year4Lea.

Top tips for Year 4 parents

- Encourage your child to read every day (20 minutes would be ideal).
- Even if your child is already a fluent reader, you can still support him/her by exploring their understanding of what they have read e.g. Describe what has happened so far. How does character 'A' feel, what do you think he/she will do next, why?
- Practise their times tables, every day! They are expected to know all tables up to 12 x 12. Ready for 'Golden 100' on Friday.
- Encourage your child to pay for things at shops, working out the expected change.
- Practise telling the time, both digital and analogue. E.g. If I pick you up at 6 o'clock how long will you have at the swimming pool?
- Encourage children to look at tables and charts to figure out how they work e.g. train timetables, television schedules.
- Ask your child about their school topics and how their knowledge is progressing. What experience do you have in these areas amongst your family and friends?
- Take an interest in their homework; make sure they hand it in on time. If your child has not understood what they need to do and you are unsure how best to explain, get them to ask the teacher as soon as possible.
- Encourage your child to become more independent - they will need to be next year. Help them to develop strategies for making sure they have everything they need at school rather than packing their bag for them!

Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure your child is **on-time** for school every day. There is a staff member 'on duty', on the playground, from 8.45. Doors to classrooms open at 8.45. Good **attendance** is important, as it has a direct effect on learning. Children should not take time-off unless absolutely necessary. We award certificates and prizes for good attendance. We are aiming for 98%-100% - please play your part in helping us to meet this ambitious target.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of your child's learning,



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With kind regards,

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