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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

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What a pleasure it has been to welcome the children back into school and into their new year 4 classroom. I am really looking forward to working with this marvellous group of young children again and pushing them to all achieve their very best whilst also providing a school environment where each of them feels safe and are valued for their uniqueness.

English and Maths

The core focus in Maths this term will be on Place Value, ensuring the children have a firm foundation in representing numbers up to 1000, understanding the value of the digits and recognising the importance of place value in relation to all areas of Mathematics.

As well as this, a key learning point throughout year 4 is on times tables knowledge. We will be having weekly times table tests which will be supported through times table rock stars, maths investigations and a variety of active and exciting lessons.

The core focus in English will be to re-establish a solid foundation in reading and writing as well as revisiting key comprehension skills in reading and using these to develop new, more advanced strategies in order to find inference within texts. Writing will focus on presentation expectations in handwriting, writing sentences of varied sentence structure and using their comprehension skills to advise their creative writing of both their own stories and descriptions of characters and settings. Alongside this, children will be developing a solid understanding of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG), that is inherent for ensuring clear and concise writing styles. Our core texts for this term are 'Leon and the place between', where the learning outcome will be an innovated version of part of the storyline, followed by 'Alice in Wonderland', which links to our termly topic of Potions.

Guided reading activities will take place daily, when the children will partake in a carousel of morning activities that cement vital skills in reading fluency, comprehension and SPAG.

Topic

Our Topic this term is **Potions**. We will be looking at the historical context of potions and their part in ancient beliefs and fantasy as well as looking at the reality of health and safety surrounding the use of different liquids. In Science, we will be investigating changing states of matter as well as developing a deeper understanding of the water cycle. To help support you and your child, please see the topic knowledge organiser attached, which will help you see the key facts and information that children need to have a basic knowledge and understanding of the topic we are learning about.

PE

Year 4 will have PE lessons on a **Monday** and a **Friday**. Children will need to come in their PE kit on these days and will remain in their PE kit throughout the day. Our PE sessions will be outside so please ensure that children have leggings or jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt as part of their kit. Please also ensure that they have a hat and sunscreen if the weather is appropriate and that this is applied either first thing in the morning or they have some in school that they are able to apply themselves. This term's focus will be developing tag rugby skills and learning a dance sequence linked to our topic.

Music

Once more, year 4 will have the opportunity to learn the Ukulele! We will be focussing on redeveloping basic technique and learning about music theory as well as performance skills. We will be hoping to provide a performance near the end of term, so please look out for notification of this nearer the time!

Homework

The most important element of home learning is that you hear your child read on a daily basis as this will support all aspects of learning in school. The children should be reading for at least 15 minutes a day as well as discussing their book with you. If you have any questions about reading or you require new books, please ask so we can provide your child with the books they need.

As well as reading, each child has login details for TT rockstars which can be found on the inside cover of their home learning books. Please encourage your child to login and play TT rockstars. The web address is as follows:

<https://trockstars.com/>

There is also a link here for BBC Supermovers times table collection:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4>

Homework will be set on a Friday which will consist of:

- Weekly spellings
- A Maths **or** English activity (which needs to be returned by the following Wednesday)

If you have any concerns or worries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me so I can best support you and your children going forwards. Please contact me on the school telephone number 01295 750210 or email me through the school office on: office.3000@croppedy.oxon.sch.uk.

Kind regards
Mr Owens
Year 4 Teacher