



Wednesday 14th December 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the Spring term. We hope you had a lovely Christmas and are ready for a fantastic 2023! The children have had a brilliant start to Year 4 and we are really impressed with how well they have embraced new routines and different learning challenges.

This term, we are going to be focusing on multiplication and division, length and perimeter, fractions and decimals in Maths, and in English we are going to be writing poetry, explanation texts and stories. We are going to be studying rivers and the water cycle in Geography, which will link nicely to our exciting trip to Minstead in March. We also have exciting learning opportunities planned for the children in French, Music, Art/DT, PE and Computing.

This term, the children will continue to do PE on **Mondays and Tuesdays**. We will do a mix of indoor and outdoor, so it is important that they have kit for all weathers. School PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, dark coloured shorts and plimsolls/trainers. Dark coloured jogging bottoms for the winter. Children should make sure that they have their PE kit in school every day in case there is an extra opportunity for PE/outdoor learning.

Homework will be set on a Friday and due in on a Wednesday. Reading Records will also be handed in to be checked on **Tuesdays in Badger** and **Thursdays in Hedgehog**. Listening to your child read at home is a fantastic way to support them in their development and we would like their records to be signed at least four times a week please. Children will be rewarded with merits and gems for achieving this. We have attached a suggested reading list that we hope you will find useful.

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday, to be tested the following Friday. The children will also have plenty of time to practise at school throughout the week. At the end of Year 4, the children will sit a Multiplication Check which is a national test. The expectation is that they know all their times tables up to 12x12. We will be doing lots of multiplication work at school, but any extra practise at home will make a huge difference. Some useful online games can be found at <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>.



Information has been sent out about our Year 4 residential trip to Minstead, which will be taking place the week beginning 13th March. We understand that your child may be feeling mixed emotions about being away from home. We will be preparing for this in school but please do contact us if you wish to discuss aspects of this further.

We are really looking forward to continue working alongside you and your children this term. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher either at the classroom door or via email:
Year4@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk

Kind Regards,
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