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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you have all had a lovely summer and managed to enjoy some sunshine! I have been really impressed by how well the children have settled into life in Year 4 and how hard they are already working.

Curriculum

This term in English, we will be exploring alternative versions of fairy tales, quest narratives based in Ancient Egypt and writing reports on endangered animals. In Maths, we will be looking at place value and the four operations (+ - x ÷) involving numbers with up to four digits.

Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Science – Living things and their habitats	Science - Electricity
History – Ancient Egyptians	Geography – Rainforests
Computing – Animation	Computing – Logo
Art – Sculpture	DT – Electrical systems
PSHE – Me and my relationships	PSHE – Valuing difference
RE – Myth	RE – Angels
PE – Netball	PE – Tag Rugby

Homework

Homework will be handed out on a Friday and is due back in by the following Friday. The children will receive one piece of written homework per week as well as a focused times tables task.

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. This could be 10 minutes a day playing Times Table Rock Stars and Monster Multiplication on Purple Mash using your child’s log in which is in their reading diary.

Reading

The children will continue to be heard read at school however reading at home is equally important. The children are encouraged to record in their journals when they have read, either to an adult or independently, ideally 4 times a week. We will be reviewing the colour banded books that children are reading and your child will either be reading a book from the class library or a book of their choice. Reading journals should be made available in school every day.

All children will visit the library each week on a **Tuesday**. Please encourage your child to have their library book in school on this day otherwise they will not be able to take a new book out and may be issued with an overdue notice.

PE/Uniform/Outdoor Time

For this term, PE will be on **Tuesday and Wednesday**. This will be a mix of indoor and outdoor activities. Children will be changing into their PE kit at school however please make sure that a full PE kit, along with trainers, is available in school every day. Please ensure that children's hair is tied back and that earrings are removed on these days, as per our uniform policy. Earrings that cannot be removed must be taped, either at home or by sending your child to school with their own tape.

Please could your child also have a named pair of wellies brought in to be kept in the Year 4 welly shed.

Minstead

One of the main highlights of this year will of course be the residential trip to Minstead. Information about this will follow in due course.

I look forward to working with you and your children this year. If you have any questions or queries then please don't hesitate to contact me, either at the door or via the Year 4 email: year4@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Miss Hall
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