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Dear Year 4 Parents,

The children have returned to school well after the half term break. Our school trip to the science museum was a success; the children loved trying out all the experiments and our visit from Spirit of the Wild was also a highlight of the term. Below, we have outlined some of the key information and expectations for your children for this academic year.

Times Tables

From this year, all Year 4 children will have their times tables skills formally tested in the summer term (during a 3-week period) of Year 4. The check is part of a new focus on mastering numeracy, giving children the skills and knowledge they need for secondary school and beyond. The purpose of it is to determine whether Year 4 pupils can recall their multiplication tables fluently (being able to answer both multiplication and division times tables questions accurately and quickly, without having to work out the answers). Children will be tested using an on-screen check (on a computer or a tablet), where they will have to answer multiplication questions against the clock. As the time nears, we will inform you with further information.

Please ensure you practise these at home with your children using both multiplication and division.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Monday, through Seesaw and the expectation is that all children complete this by the following Monday. Children should be able to complete the homework with little help, we would really appreciate your encouragement to get the children to complete the homework to the best of their ability.



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Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addition and subtraction – including estimating and using an efficient method.• Measure- length and perimeter• Multiplication and division
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing for a range of purposes using a variety of sentence types.• Proofreading written work for errors.• Planning, editing and publishing sustained writing. <p>We will be focussing on many rich texts to support our English learning journey. This half term we will be using books such as River Journey.</p>
Enquiry	<p>This half term we will be continuing to learn all about animals and their habitats as well as looking at rivers and they impact on their local ecosystems.</p> <p>Our enquiry question is still ‘Do small things make a big difference?’ and we will be continuing to explore the concepts stewardship, sustainability, duty, and diversity. We will be focusing on clearing the pond area and revamping it into a useable learning space.</p>

PE

PE days will continue to be the same as last half term, please send your child into school in their PE kit and trainers. This is so that we are using our maximum time for our slot and not having to change into kits and back again. Please send water bottles into school every day. These can be refilled throughout the day in school.

Each class has 2 PE sessions a week. One indoor and one outdoor.

- Seahorses are on a Tuesday and a Thursday.
- Polar Bears are on a Thursday and a Friday.
- Koalas only have PE once a week because they have outdoor learning with Mr Richards this half term on a Thursday. Therefore, Koalas PE day is just a Wednesday.

As and when the weather starts to deteriorate, please ensure coats and appropriate clothing is provided.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school and your child’s learning. We aim to make this year as happy and successful as possible for all of the children.

Kind regards,

The Year 4 team

Miss Cassar, Miss Cook and Miss Borthwick

