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Dear Class 4 Parents,

The new year has started well. I hope that you all enjoyed opening the gifts which the children had spent a lot of time and hard work creating. Thank you for our cards and gifts.

I am looking forward to Term 3 with Class 4. I will be working hard with Mrs Rennie, Mrs Rossenrode and Mrs Rapson. Staff will be supporting interventions and groups as well as supporting one to one reading sessions and one to one provision.

Just a reminder that registration is at 8.45am. Please ensure your child is here at this time.

Timetable
All of the children will have a copy of our lesson timetables for this half term and a copy will also be displayed in the classroom.

PE & Games
Please make sure children have trainers and PE kit in school Monday to Friday. We have a Dance Coach and WR Sports giving sessions for PE and Games. We are currently investigating the possibility of swimming for Years 5 and 6 at some point in the summer term. We will keep you informed. For Year 4 we will also review which group will swim after February half term.
Forest School is on Thursdays. Please remember to send children with Forest School Clothes, including wellies, waterproofs and weather appropriate clothes.

Homework
Spellings: The system of brainstorming patterns for spellings to create words to learn at home is working really well. Thank you for your help and support with learning these. Please let us know if you think that your child may need a different list of words for any reason.

- Monday - language activities to be completed by Wednesday.
- Tuesday - time to learn spellings for Monday's test using Look/Say/Cover/ Write/Check. The children need to record this in their Homework books and is due in on Wednesday.
- Wednesday- maths activity to be completed by Friday.
- Thursday - time to learn tables for the forthcoming tables activity on Friday.
- Friday- topic or reading/comprehension task.

In addition, the following may also be given, from time to time:

- Topic related research.
- Science activities or SATS questions related to science.
- DT modelling.

Homework Diaries

The system of having Homework Diaries in school works really well. The diaries are needed in school each day. Please let us know any comments that you have or any difficulties that the children have encountered by writing notes in their Homework Books as they complete a task. Thank you for your helpful comments, these really help the children to become more organised.

Reading Challenge
As you know we introduced the Reading Challenge system, whereby we are asking every child in the class to read daily Monday to Thursday for 15 minutes and for you to initial the chart in the back of their reading diary. These are checked each week and periodically we give out on the spot rewards for children who are up to date with this. Already this is helping to further develop their reading skills.

English
Persuasive/Argument writing
Narratives – including short stories involving flashbacks, traditional tales, speech, dialogue, setting descriptions
Non-Fiction texts
Recount writing
Drama
Letter writing
Spelling, punctuation and grammar.
Biographical writing.

Maths
We continue to work from the Key Objectives from the Maths National Curriculum and will be covering all aspects of Maths, particularly those identified in their most recent assessments.

Science/Topic
Changing states
Working scientifically

Science - Year 4
Construct simple circuits. Describe materials as conductors or insulators. Investigate renewable energy sources.

History
Explorers (biographical writing)

History - Year 4
Learning about life in Ancient Sumer and Ancient Egypt. Developing an understanding of chronology. Comparing two civilisations.

R.E
We will be completing our focus on sacred text, finding out about Islam/The Quran and prophets and the Easter story; Sikhism and Gurdwara community and the Guru Granth.

R.E - Year 4
What do Muslims believe about God and where did Islam start?

ICT
Continuing to use the internet for research, accessing updated 365.

Excel spreadsheets
Developing formatting skills with Word

Music
Linked to the National Curriculum and our topic – with a music coach

SATS
Year 6 will complete their end of Key Stage 2 assessments Monday 13th May 2024 to Thursday 16h May 2024.

Year 4 Multiplication Test
Year 4 Multiplication Tests will take place over a two week period from Monday 3rd June 2024.

General
Please do not hesitate to come and chat with me if you have any concerns. I always welcome any feedback.
The children have their targets for Literacy and Numeracy. Now that we are back in the full swing of the curriculum we will be resuming the routine of sending them home on Fridays to be returned on Mondays. We look forward to seeing you at the forth coming award assemblies, as your child achieves their certificates.

Cycling Proficiency will be arranged.

Targets
We are continuing with our target system. Children will have target cards for Literacy and Numeracy. They will be awarded their certificate as they achieve their targets in our award assemblies. The target system is as follows:

First target	1 target
Bronze	10 targets
Silver	25 targets
Gold	50 targets
Platinum	70 targets

I am delighted with the children's hard work and thank you for your support for all that we are doing to develop the children's learning.

Many thanks

Sarah
Class 4 Teacher & Head Teacher