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YEAR 4 CLASS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 27th April 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed a good break over Easter.

Topic

Our class topic for the whole of the Summer term will be 'Rivers and Mountains'. Please see the Year 4 topic overview for more details.

As part of our topic work we will be visiting the estate of Coleshill, which is owned by the National Trust, to look closely at the river environment and how rivers shape the land, how water power can be harnessed as an energy source, and different habitats that rivers provide. The children will go river dipping to find out more about the diversity of animals which live there and they really benefit from the knowledge and experience of the volunteers who run the education centre. It's a very enjoyable and stimulating day for everyone! More details will follow nearer the time.

Clothing and PE

On sunny days, please apply sunscreen **before** your child comes to school and please also ensure they have a sun hat in school at all times.

It is important that pupils wear appropriate clothes for the spring and summer months including sensible shoes in order to move around the school and playground safely. We aim to get out in the fresh air everyday even in cooler weather, so please make sure they bring a **waterproof coat** in case of rain.

Outdoor PE will usually be on a Tuesday although this may change depending on the weather. Your child may come dressed for PE that day or they may like to bring PE clothes. If they could bring a t-shirt of their house colour, that would be really helpful.

In addition, we will need to keep the classroom well ventilated again this term so please ensure that children have enough layers as it can get very chilly in the classroom!

Government Multiplication Tables Check

Thank you for all the wonderful work you have already done to help your child learn their times tables. After half term, in line with the government's statutory requirements, all children in year 4 will take a times tables test and the results of these will be published for each school. (Your child's individual results will not be published.) If you know your child needs a boost, please make sure that your child signs up for the after school club which I will be running every Tuesday. Year 4s will be given priority to this club.

Homework

In Year 4, pupils are expected to start to take an organised approach to their homework. The amount of time they spend working at home gradually increases in Years 5 and 6 which is very important in preparation for secondary school when a significant proportion of learning takes place at home. Often, children who understand the reasons for completing homework in year 4 tend to have a smooth transition to homework expectations at secondary school.

It is expected that Year 4 pupils will be reading regularly at home and practising times tables and key spellings.

Homework will continue to be set online on **Friday** and should be submitted on or before the following **Wednesday**.

Class Assembly

This will be at 9am on Friday 17th June and it would be fantastic to see you there!

Thank you for your continued support which is enormously appreciated. Please drop me an email or see me at the classroom door if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Eaton