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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 4 Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter- Spring Term 1 2023

Thank you for your support throughout your child's first term in Year 4. We are really pleased with how the children have settled into their first week of the Spring term. Important information for this half term is below.

Maths

In the Summer term, there will be a statutory Multiplication Check for all Year 4 children. In order to prepare them, please continue to support your child to learn their times tables facts, up to 12 x 12. The focus for this half term will be the 11 and 12 x table. Children have login details to allow access to Times Tables Rockstars at home, using the website <https://ttrockstars.com/>. We expect the children to practise for **15 minutes** a day at home.

Reading

This term in Guided Reading we will be reading a non-fiction book linked to our history topic, 'See Inside Ancient Egypt' by Rob Lloyd Jones and studying the poem 'From a Railway Carriage' by Robert Louis Stevenson. We will be focusing on developing children's comprehension skills and extending their vocabulary.

Your child will continue to bring home a book that they have chosen. Please read with your child at home on a daily basis and record a comment in their reading diaries. Book bags must be brought into school daily please. Children are expected to read at home for **at least 30 minutes a day**. Reading is monitored weekly. Children will be able to take Accelerated Reader tests in class and at home.

Spellings

Over this half term we will continue to learn words from our personal and statutory spelling lists. We will also look at words spelt 'gu' (for example: guide, guitar) and words ending in 'ture' (for example: nature, picture). In addition, we will also be investigating homophones, words which sound the same but are spelt differently (for example: seen / scene)

Home Learning

Please have a look at some starter ideas for projects that you could complete at home with your child. If your child has worked on a home learning project, we are asking that you share a photo of it via Seesaw so that it can be shared with the class. There will also be activities on the Education City website which will support your child's learning in all curriculum subjects.

PE

Please continue to send children into school in clothes that they can exercise in without the need to change for PE. On Tuesdays this half term, children will be doing gymnastics so will need to make sure that they are suitably dressed as they will need to do this in bare feet. This term we will be continuing our swimming lessons at Kings Hedges Learner Pool, starting on Thursday 19th January. Children will need to have their **swimming kit in school every Thursday**. As the weather is cold and changeable, please make sure your child wears a waterproof coat and has a pair of wellies at school to change into for the walk. Children will need to remove earrings for PE and long hair must be tied back. We believe that children can nearly always take part in a PE lesson in some capacity if they are able to attend school. Our policy is that children will take part in PE lessons unless a doctor's note advises in writing against it.

General reminders:

- Please remind your child to bring in a plastic see-through water bottle daily (no metal bottles please)
- We continue to keep good levels of ventilation in school, so layers of clothing will be useful as the weather continues to be cold.

We are always happy to speak with parents. Please do catch us at the end of the day if you have a quick question or contact the office to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 4 teachers