

21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers of all children in Year 4,

**Year 4 Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Summer 2023 1<sup>st</sup> Half**

Thank you for your support throughout the Spring term. We hope you enjoyed watching our ‘Splash!’ production; we were extremely proud of the children. At the end of this half-term we look forward to taking the children on a trip to Wicken Fen (more details about this trip will follow later in the term).

**Maths**

This term we will continue to prepare children for the online multiplication check in June (more detail regarding the multiplication check will follow later). Please help your child to learn their times tables facts as this continues to be a major focus. The children need to know all the times tables and corresponding division facts up to 12x12 e.g.  $5 \times 6 = 30$  so  $30 \div 6 = 5$  and  $30 \div 5 = 6$ . We would encourage children to use TimesTables Rockstars at home and children should be practising for at least **fifteen minutes daily**. You can access Times Tables Rockstars via the school website or at: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/login/29424>

**Reading**

This term in Guided Reading we will be reading ‘I Ate Sunshine for Breakfast; a Celebration of Plants Around the World’, written by Michael Holland. This book will help to develop reading skills and widen children’s 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 need to be brought into school daily. Children are expected to read at home for **at least 30 minutes a day**. Reading is monitored weekly. Children will be able to access Accelerated Reader tests in class and at home.

**Spellings**

Over this half term we will continue to learn words from the statutory spelling list. We will also be investigating words with the s sound (spelt sc: eg. science, scissors) and words ending in ‘sion’ (for example: division, extension). We will also look at words which use apostrophes and homophones (words which sound the same but are spelt differently eg. there, their and they’re).

**Home Learning**

Please have a look at the attached sheet for some starter ideas for projects on ‘Electricity’ that you could complete at home with your child. Do bring in any completed projects to share with the class.

**PE**

Please continue to send children into school in clothes and footwear that they can exercise in without the need to change for PE. On Tuesdays this half term children will be doing dance 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. Children will need to have their **swimming kit in school every Thursday**. As the weather is changeable, please make sure your child wears a waterproof coat and has a pair of wellies at school to change into if needed. Children will need to remove earrings 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 ensure your child brings a clear plastic filled water bottle to school daily. Children are able to refill these in school.

Yours sincerely,  
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Year 4 teachers