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Year 4 Newsletter Summer Term 2020

A message from Mrs Blakeley.

Welcome to your summer newsletter which has been strange for teachers to write due to the uncertain times in which we find ourselves.

As I write we have just heard we are closed to all except children of key workers until the 7th May and we already miss the children immensely, we long to be back together.

The teachers have set out some learning tasks to help you with your children at home and this newsletter also includes things you need to know if we return this term (PE requirements etc). We are trying to act in as normal a way as possible.

Regular updates are key to effective communication and we have tried very hard to open all possible avenues to keeping you informed.

Please enjoy the activities we have set and do keep in touch by e-mail, messenger etc.

Stay safe.

Mrs Blakeley.

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all had a great Easter holidays and have enjoyed some lovely family time. I would like to say I am missing school and teaching the children but health is the most important thing in life and I hope you are all healthy and well. This year has been a great year already for Year 4 and they have worked extremely hard during Autumn and Spring Term. Thank you for supporting us during this time and I hope you have all enjoyed your home learning so far. This year group are really special and they shine daily, they are a credit to the school. I, like many others, are crossing our fingers that this isn't the end of the school year and I am hoping that we get to spend some time together before July. If not, it isn't the end of the world and I would like you all to know I am proud of every single one of them and what they've achieved.

During this time, it is important that the children continue to work whilst at home to try and keep up the same standard that they were working at before school was closed. I am confident the children are wanting to learn and will work to their best ability whilst at home. Please look at the separate English, Maths and Topic tasks and complete one or part of one from each section every day. I don't want children to struggle or worry about





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anything at home and please also use the opportunity to spend quality time together as a family. I am available by email whenever you have a question or want to show me anything so please do not hesitate to get in touch. I don't want the kids to feel pressured by anything they can't do, please be encouraging when working and make it as enjoyable as possible.

Reading at home

Reading is also just as important, please make sure your child still aims to read 3 times a week or more. Try and read a range of texts, such as: newspaper articles, posters, information texts online, adventure stories, fantasy stories and traditional tales. Can you share your reading with your family? Read to your brother or sister, mam or dad, cat or dog. Anyone you share reading with is good practice.

Summer Term Topics

During the summer term, we would have been starting our topic which was 'Who were the Ancient Greeks?' and this is something that the children can research and find out lots of things at home. If you look at the topic grid which I have created for Year 4, you will find a range of tasks which the children can complete. They don't have to do them all at once, just pick one or two a week and make sure they are enjoying their learning.

In Science, year 4 would have been learning about light. At home, the children could work on recognising that we need light in order to see things, make a list of things that produce light and that dark is the absence of light. Also, they can do some research on transparent, translucent and opaque.

I have also created Maths and English topic grids which focus on a range of skills we have already covered and a few new activities. During English work, tell them to remember using story mountains when creating stories, use box up plans before they write and to use a range of skills that they've been taught before. In Maths, continue working with addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. Also, look at fractions, measurement by measuring house hold items and telling the time. These are all activities which I have included on the grids.

In PE we would have moved on to Athletics, this is something you could also adapt at home. Go into your garden or yard and practise running, throwing and catching and jumping. There are lots of opportunities to keep active when you go on your daily walks and I am sure the children have all been telling you about our fitness activities at home. You could even try 'Just Dance' or 'Go Noodle' – the children thoroughly enjoy these.

Spelling

Spelling is still hugely important for your child to continue to learn. Use the weekly summer spellings that will be attached to the home learning packs. Learn 15 spellings a week and remember to use activities such as: look, cover check, magic spelling, applying spellings into silly sentences, countdown spelling. You can also use spelling shed. All year 4 children received their spelling shed log in so should have it. Log on spelling shed and see if you





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can get to the top of the leader board. Give your children spellings at the start of the week and test them on Friday.

Times tables

We have worked hard on times tables over the year and it is one of the most important topics in maths. Times tables are needed for a wide range of mathematical topics so it is important your child continues to learn and secure their times table knowledge. The children can either write the multiplication and division facts down, practice random times tables or log onto times tables rockstars.

Other Information

Please use the learning task grids and complete as many of the tasks as you can. If you are struggling with something or if you are struggling to get your child to complete any of the tasks then as previous mentioned earlier get in touch with me as I am more than happy to help. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those parents and children who have been in touch already and showing me how hard you are all working.

If we do return to school this term, please ensure your child brings their PE kit to school on a Monday and leaves it in school for the week. Remember PE kit is black shorts, white top and pumps/trainers.

Thank you for taking your time to read this newsletter, stay safe at home and enjoy your family time together.

Please take care and stay safe,

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Here are some useful websites for you to use with your children:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/>

<https://readingeggs.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-songs-index/zhwdgwx>

<https://www.lovereadng.co.uk/audiobooks>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<https://ngexplorer.cengage.com/ngyoungexplorer/index.html>

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

<https://wowscience.co.uk/>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/science.shtml

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/>

<https://www.jumpstart.com/parents/activities/science-activities>

<https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/menu/play/>

<https://mommypoppins.com/kids/50-easy-science-experiments-for-kids-fun-educational-activities-using-household-stuff>

<https://www.insidescience.org/>

