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Spring 2 Newsletter

28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our new building! The children have enjoyed settling in finding out where everything is. They have been looking at the plans and preparing to take parents on their tours today. We hope you were able to join us but if you couldn't and you would like the opportunity to have a tour don't hesitate to contact Mrs Sillito for a tour or have one when it's your child's turn to be a focus learner.

This half term we will be focusing on Bright Sparks- a topic which includes electricity in Science, wind turbine building in DT (models!) and explanation texts in English. The class book we will be reading is 'Charging About! -The Story of Electricity' by Jacqui Bailey and Matthew Lilly. The children will be working on writing their own explanation about how electrical circuits work.

PE will continue to be on Tuesday so we will require a fully named kit in school at all times. Additionally this half term pupils will be taking part in Scooterbility (4LM on 6/3 and 13/3 4AH on 20/3 and 27/3 – half a class each session). They will need to bring in their own scooters and helmets, unless you have requested to borrow some on your permission slip.

This half term we will be having Parent Consultations on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of March so please keep an eye on the online newsletter to see when the spaces are available to book- 1 ten minute slot per child.

Our new build is looking fantastic and in order to keep it that way we have to ask that children only bring in book bags, lunch boxes/ water bottles and coats as the peg space is very narrow and backpacks do not fit. PE kits should be in a named draw string bag which hang smartly. Pencil cases are also no longer required but could certainly be used for homework outside of school!

Homework will still be sent out on Fridays due in on the following Thursday- this will start next week as this week's homework will be to prepare for World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March (Yes, next week!!!!).



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Reading, times table and weekly practise should be happening at home on a regular basis.

By the end of year 4 (but preferably sooner!) your child should be fluent with all of the times table facts up to 12 x 12 with rapid recall.

Our residential trip to PGL in Wootton is fast approaching. Thank you to those who attended the parent meeting and for those unable to attend we hope you received the packs that the children bought home. Payments can be made at the office with Miss Rorich and if you have any questions please see the class teachers at the beginning or the end of the day.

We have been asked if Year 4 pupils will be able to walk home on their own in the summer term - the answer is yes providing you send in a letter giving your permission. Please discuss this with your child and ensure that you feel happy for them to walk home and that they are responsible enough to be safe. Once they have left the school premises they will be your responsibility and the school no longer has a duty of care. If you live too far away for your child to walk the entire journey home you may wish to consider finding a meeting place part way to allow your child to build their independence.

As always if you have any concerns or if there is anything that has happened outside of school that may affect your child in school, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 team.

Miss Hunter,      Mrs Merwood



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