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Year 4 Summer B Newsletter

Friday 16th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! We have our fingers crossed that we will all be able to stay in school for the whole term and that we all remain safe as restrictions ease. We will be sticking to class and year group bubbles, with designated play zones and staggered starts, breaks and finishes to continue to minimise any COVID related risks.

Our topic this half term is called 'Circuits' (please see attached sheet). We will primarily be learning about electricity and experimenting with circuits. Our class books, 'When Charlie McButton Lost Power' by Suzanne Collins and 'The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind' by William Kamkwamba, both relate to the theme of electricity in different ways.

Both classes will continue to have PE or Games sessions on Tuesday and Friday so children will be expected to wear their Queensgate PE kit to school on those days. This should consist of pale blue PE top, navy blue shorts, a Queensgate school jumper, socks and trainers. Please ensure that all items are labelled- especially school jumpers- as they have a tendency to go missing.

As part of PPA time this half term, pupils will have the opportunity to have an additional Cricket lesson and Out and About, so will need to be wearing appropriate clothing for those sessions. A list of the children taking part will be published in the weekly newsletter so please check this on the website.

This half term we will be sending homework out again. It will be set on a Monday and due on the Friday. Please remind your child to bring their reading book bag into school on a Friday (with both of their completed homework books as well as any books that need changing). We will keep the book bags over the weekend so that new books and homework books can be sent home on Monday afternoon. Book bags can also now be bought in throughout the week but only when books need changing. We will be running reading challenges where children will get a raffle ticket each time they read. At the end of the half term one pupil's ticket will be pulled out and they will get to choose a book prize.



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Homework will consist of one maths sheet- which will be revision of times tables for this half term- and an English activity - which will focus on supporting the spellings of the Year 3 and 4 key words. Additionally there will be an ongoing family homework- please see the Circuits Topic Overview for more information about this.

We are hoping to take Year 4 pupils out of school for 2 day trips after half term. The first will be a free trip to Osborne House to kick start our Victorians topic. The second will be a trip to Blackgang Chine (because it is a Victorian theme park!). We anticipate that this trip will cost approximately £16 including entry fee and travel- although any children with park passes will only be required to pay for the transportation. We will send letters with more details and permission slips nearer to the time.

Finally, please keep an eye on the newsletters - which will be posted on the school's website each week- for up to date information about events and procedures in school.

If you have any concerns or if you need to inform us of anything that might affect your child within school, please do not hesitate to contact us, either through the office or using our class email addresses.

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Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 Team

Miss Hunter, Miss Croutear, Mrs Webb, Miss Hume, Miss Sears and Mrs Wiper.