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Year 4 Summer A Newsletter

Friday 29th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! We hope you have had great break and are looking forward to the exciting term ahead. In this term we will be going on our Year 4 Residential trip to Kingswood on the 9th - 11th of May so make sure you have double checked your kit list and are packed and ready! We will send home a spare kit list and some additional information about what to do on the day, next week- so keep your eyes peeled!

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 now 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 go on Out and About trips, 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. You should still have your packs of spelling and times tables work for children to be completing weekly at the moment. They are expected to complete on sheet a week of each pack. Both new packs will be sent home when the previous are finished. They do not need to bring their packs back in as they will be tested each week in class.

Please continue to encourage your child to read and remind them to bring their reading book bag into school every day so reading records can be checked and books can be changed. We



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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 a prize will be given.

Year 4 pupils will be having their official multiplication tests in June, so please do keep practising times tables as often as possible. Practise sites online (google multiplication check practise) and times table rock stars are freely available to use at home.

We are hoping to take Year 4 pupils out of school for a day trip after half term to Osbourne House. This will be a free trip to kick start our Victorians topic! We will send letters with more details and permission slips nearer to the time as it is proving a challenge to book at this time!

There are new clubs available for Year 4 this summer term- please check out 'Clubbly' for more details, including Miss Croutear's drama club exclusively for Year 4 and 5!

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, Mrs Piner, Miss Sears and Miss Gallop.