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Aim High

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Lead By Example

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We look forward to the Summer Term in Year 4! Our curriculum theme will be **chocolate**.



MAIN LEARNING THEME –

The main themes are History, Geography, Science and DT. We will be looking at the history of chocolate, where it comes from in the World and carrying out experiments involving chocolate in Science. We will also be planning and designing our own brand of chocolate and packaging.

SPEAKING & LISTENING SKILLS – Developing listening and respecting others' points of view and ideas.

We will be focusing on the following 3 skills:

- I can take an active part in discussions and talk about my ideas confidently to different groupings.
- I can listen attentively to what others are saying in a discussion and respond with relevant comments, questions or actions.
- I can discuss the main points of what I have heard.

NUMERACY

In Numeracy we will be following the National Numeracy Framework. We will be focusing on A3: *Counting, partitioning and calculating*, B3: *Securing number facts, understanding shape* and C3: *Handling data and measures*. We will also be continuing to encourage children to learn their multiplication facts and their associated division facts. Please encourage lots of tables practice at home!

LITERACY

In Language and Literacy we will be looking at stories in narrative verse and explanation texts, moving onto play scripts. We will also be writing our own texts in each genre.

PE

This will be on Wednesday and Thursday. PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week. Please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school with them all week. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed (by the child) or covered with a plaster (which must be supplied from home).

Year 4 children will visit Jack Hunt School and use their swimming pool on Thursdays in the summer term for 9 weeks of swimming lessons. This will replace Thursday's PE lesson in school.

HOME LEARNING

Your child will receive a weekly activity in their Learning Logs. This will be given out on a Wednesday and should be returned on a Tuesday. Every Tuesday, one Learning Log per class is chosen to be shared in the whole school assembly on Thursday. Your child will also be awarded House Points for the work produced in their Learning Logs. The way in which the work is presented is entirely up to the child. In addition, there will be key skills literacy and/or numeracy homework set.

Home learning is expected to be completed each week at home and handed in on time by Tuesday. If children do not meet this requirement then they will complete the home learning during break time. Can you please ensure that your child completes their home learning each week. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

In addition to this, your child can choose to undertake a half-term home learning project, which could be the focus of their homework for the beginning of the term. This project is not compulsory, but is a fantastic way to involve family and friends in their learning. This can involve the whole family and should be linked to our topic theme; the more creative the better!

READING

Please continue to read with your child at home. Each week, they will be given 1 or 2 reading books which they can share with you at home and will be changed weekly. Year 4 have the opportunity to visit the library and learn about all the different types of books and how to use a library.

END OF THE DAY

Please feel free to use this time to talk to us about any concerns you may have, however if you need more than a few minutes then you can always make an appointment for a more convenient time.

Miss Lester
Class Teacher

Mrs McFarland
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Gill
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Reynolds
Head Teacher



