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Year 4 Newsletter - June 2022

We hope you've had a lovely half term break and that the children are now refreshed and ready for their last term in Year 4! This term is our STEM term. The whole school will be learning through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) this term.

Topics for this term:

In **English** we will be focusing on non-fiction writing linked to our STEM topic 'Electric Cars'. We will be writing: an advert for electric cars; a non-chronological report for electric cars and the environment; and instructions for building an electric car.

In **Maths**, we will be covering money, time, statistics, position and direction. In June, we will be taking part in the national Multiplication Tables Check.

In **Science** we will be building on our knowledge of electric circuits from term 3 to help us to design and build electric car models as part of our STEM work.

In **DT** we will be cooking with eggs and learning about eating a healthy diet.

In **Art** we will be learning about the work of Vincent Van Gogh and sketching St Michael's church in the style of Van Gogh's 'Church at Auvers'.

In our **R.E** topic we will be learning about special milestones in Christian and Hindu people's lives and how they are celebrated.

Our **Jigsaw** topic is 'Changing Me' where we will be learning about how babies grow, how our bodies change inside and outside (including puberty) and family stereotypes.

For **PE**, we will be continuing with cricket.

In **Computing** this term we will be covering key skills including using Microsoft Office programs.

In **French** our topic is 'At home', where we will be learning new vocabulary through games, role play and songs.

P.E kit:

The children have P.E on Mondays and Fridays this term. Children need to wear their school PE kits into school on these days. School PE kit is a white T-shirt, trainers, black shorts or joggers and a black or school sweatshirt.

Homework:

Homework in Year 4 is reading, spelling and times tables. Spellings are set on a Friday. The spellings will be put on Google Classroom each Friday, although if you have trouble accessing this, your child can take a sheet with the spellings home. You can also practise the spelling pattern on Spelling Shed. Multiplication tests and



spelling tests are every Friday. Reading records will be checked on a Monday.

Reading:

Most of your child's reading in school is through whole class reading, so **it is very important to listen to your child read at home** as often as possible, aiming for a minimum of four times a week for 10 minutes. Reading records are checked every Monday and your child can change their book on a Monday if required.

Times Tables Rock Stars

It is important that Year 4 children learn all of their tables up to 12X12 by the end of the year. We have learnt all but the 8 and 12

times tables in class now and the 8 and 12s will be learned over the next few weeks. Please use Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) as often as possible, this is a great way for the children to practise their tables at speed. The national multiplication tables check will be completed with a very similar set-up to TTRS in June.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to ask:

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