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Dear Parents,

We are very pleased with the attitude the children are displaying towards to their learning since their return from a restful Easter break. We have planned an exciting, challenging and enjoyable Summer Term.

**Staff typically in Year 4:**

Class 4LC taught by Mrs Chisholm

Class 4PL taught by Miss Lawrance

Mrs Copley and Mrs Smith are also part of the Year 4 team.

**English:**

In English, will be using our History topic of the Titanic to write diary entries and letters. We will also be transferring some of our persuasive writing techniques into debating. The second half of the term will concentrate on instructional writing and biographies of Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Edison. There will also be a continued emphasis on grammar, punctuation and spelling with weekly SPAG lessons.

**Maths:**

Maths will continue to follow the current framework with the main areas of learning being the four main calculation strategies, number and place value, problem solving and application of new learning. This will follow on from last term where learning will be consolidated and upskilled. Times tables still remain a major focus for year 4. It is **very** important that the children have rapid recall for the majority of multiplication tables and can derive the associated division facts. Children will also be challenged with speed tables. We would appreciate your continued help in aiding your children to learn these at home, if you require any help with how you can approach this, please don't hesitate to contact us.

**Science:**

In science we will be learning about Sound, identifying how sounds are made, how they travel and associating them with vibrations and finding patterns in the pitch and volume of sound. We will also be learning about electricity which will involve constructing a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.

**ICT:**

We are following the ICT programme 'Switched On', focusing on simple coding, animation linked to our Titanic topic and making digital music, using relevant software.

**Foundation subjects:**

In History we will learn about the Titanic tragedy. The children will focus on the question 'Who was responsible for the sinking of the Titanic and was the loss of life preventable?' We will be exploring



different historical sources and debating the facts. Art and DT will be delivered through these topic themes. Mr Newton will be delivering the music sessions each week to both classes and has planned cross-curricular sessions linked to the Titanic and acoustic verses electric sound.

Our Religious Education work explores what elements of the Islamic Five Pillars are evident in modern society. We will continue to promote Social and Emotional aspects of learning with making personal goals, keeping safe and healthy, friendship and anti-bullying. P.E will take place every week and one session will be outdoors (weather permitting). Outdoor P.E. will be focus on athletics on a Wednesday morning.

#### **Homework:**

Homework will be set every Friday and we expect this to be completed and returned to school by the following Friday. The weekly homework will be a spelling rule or a set of spellings to learn each night. Maths homework will focus around the multiplication tables, including some word problems.

We will also be sending out a Homework grid each half term in which the tasks are carefully devised to support pupils' learning; we aim to provide stimulating and enriching homework activities. Examples of high quality homework, where applicable, will be displayed in the Y4 classrooms.

All children will have opportunities to read in school on a daily basis; however we would like all children to read at least three times a week at home. Reading journals must be returned, signed and dated, by Friday.

#### **Year 4 Open Morning**

Our open morning will be held on **Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> June**, between **9:10-10:10**. If you are able to attend, this is an opportunity for you to get a taste of what happens in Year 4. You will be working with the children on science challenges related to our current topic of 'Electricity'. We look forward to seeing you.

#### **Trips:**

The majority of Year 4 will be participating in the exciting residential at 'Robin Wood'. This will work on building the children's ability to work collaboratively in a team, and help increase confidence and self-esteem. All children will also be attending a sports activities afternoon at Yarm Grammar School on **Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of May from 1-3pm**. More details to follow.

#### **Prime Time**

Could you please make sure the children have a healthy snack (fruit, vegetables or breadsticks) and water for Prime Time? They do enjoy this and water is important to have throughout the day. If possible, the water bottle should have a sport style lid to minimise spillage if it should accidentally be knocked over!

There will be a final opportunity for you to speak to us, after you have received your child's report, on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of July**. This will be a drop in session, no appointments required.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to another fabulous term.

Year 4 team