

Dear Class 4 Parents,

Wednesday 5th May 2021

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and the warm sunshine is a sign of better things to come. I am very much looking forward to having an exciting summer term with the class enjoying our new topic 'The Circle of Life.'

This term, the children will be learning all about the lifecycle of plants and animals and will be discussing the impact of climate change on the world around us. As part of our exciting topic theme for this term, the children will also be participating in lots of fascinating activities across the curriculum and below is an overview of the areas we will be focusing:

<p>Maths This term in Maths we will be focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying and drawing angles and exploring polygons Revising calculating the perimeter and area of shapes Learning how to translate shapes in different ways Reading digital, analogue time and timetables Exploring money and converting units. <p>On a Friday morning the children will be participating in a variety of multiplication activities to practise different multiplication tables. Please continue to practise your child's individual multiplication targets at home with them.</p>	<p>English For our English lessons we will be reading the book 'The Spider and the Fly' and will be using the story to help us learn how to write a discussion text.</p> <p>We will also be using the theme of climate change to write playscripts and explanation texts.</p> <p>The children will also be enjoying learning some poetry by Charles Causley.</p>	<p>Topic/Science This term our Topic and Science lessons will intertwine with one another as we explore the topic theme 'The Circle of Life.'</p> <p>As part of the topic, the class will be learning all about living things and their habitats including plants and animals.</p> <p>When learning about humans, the focus will be on learning about the circulatory system and understanding the impact diet, exercise and drugs can have on how our bodies function.</p>
<p>Art/D.T This term for our Art/D.T. lessons, the children will be creating artwork inspired by nature. This includes looking at a range of artists such as Georgia O'Keefe.</p>	<p>Computing/E-safety lessons As part of Live, Learn and Flourish week the children explored the impact of gender stereotyping online.</p> <p>This term's computing focus is coding on purple mash. This will continue on from the children's previous learning during lockdown.</p>	<p>PE This term in P.E., the class will participate in Rounders and Athletics.</p> <p>P.E. lessons will continue to be on a Thursday afternoon.</p>
<p>PSHCE This term's PSHCE unit is 'Keeping myself safe.'</p> <p>During the final part of the summer term, the children will be participating in RSE (Relationship and Sex Education due for implementation from Summer 2021) including covering the units of growing, changing and puberty. More information on how we teach RSE at Uley will be sent out this term.</p>	<p>Live, Learn, Flourish week For Live, Learn and Flourish this term, the children learnt about the importance of moving out of our 'comfort zone' into a 'stretch zone' when learning in school.</p> <p>As a class, we also discussed the British Value of tolerance.</p> <p>The children also enjoyed a 'WOW day' inspired by nature. Photos of our wow day can be found on the school website.</p>	<p>R.E./Worship Every year at Uley, we have the opportunity to explore a different faith. This term the children will be learning about Hinduism. As part of the topic, they will be learning how to identify and explain Hindu beliefs.</p> <p>The value for this term is thankfulness.</p>

Gardening

Towards the end of last term, Class 4 pupils have been inspired by the importance of nature and spending time outside. Therefore, this term on a Tuesday afternoon, Mrs Pugh, will be spending time with small groups of pupils in our school garden area, growing plants and helping to create a wildlife garden at school. As part of our WOW day, the children also spent some time planting a sunflower each which they will be regularly watering and watching grow. Children will be learning some basic gardening skills using tools, developing their knowledge about plants and as a class they will be given the responsibility to look after the garden. We have recently seen how beneficial time in the garden has been to all class 4 pupils so we are really pleased to have a regular timetabled session going forward into the Summer term.

My Special Thing

This term, we will also be continuing with Class 4's My Special thing on a Friday. It was lovely to be able to continue this over the last lockdown and it was brilliant to see the children's enjoyment listening to their class members presentations on a Friday. During last term, I updated each child's new date for their presentations. If you are unsure of when your child's presentation is or have any questions regarding your child's presentation, please do not hesitate to contact me. Just a reminder, unfortunately the children will not be able to share any items (if brought in) with the other members of the class.

Homework

Homework topic webs

In Class 4, the children are encouraged to complete both the homework topic web as well as their weekly spelling homework each term. The homework topic web is linked to all areas of the curriculum and each piece of homework encourages a skill relating to 'research', 'make', 'apply' or 'practice'. The children in Class 4 also play an active role in discussing and choosing a range of homework activities they would like to complete, relating to our topics. We do ask for children to try and complete a range of homework pieces across a range of subject areas. As mentioned on the homework topic maps, all homework will now need to be received digitally and can be sent to the Class 4 email account, which will be open for the **week beginning 28th June**. 5 team points will be awarded to every task completed and the homework will be shared and celebrated within the class once all the homework has been received.

Weekly spelling homework

As part of their spelling lessons in school, the children will receive a weekly spelling homework to complete at home. The homework will involve the children exploring a spelling pattern by researching and finding words linked to the pattern and applying and using the words correctly within sentences. The children will also be asked to complete a grammar and punctuation task independently at home which will be marked in school with the children during our spelling lessons.

Team points will be awarded for each task the children complete. Children are required to hand in their homework on Monday morning and any tasks completed will receive team points. On the Monday morning, the children will also have a spelling test linked to the spelling pattern they have been researching. Overall, the weekly spelling homework will provide the children with more independence with learning a spelling pattern and a greater understanding of exploring the meaning of words.

During the most recent lockdown, as a school we saw an enormous increase in the uptake of Mathletics to help support the children's mathematical understanding and recall. It has also been wonderful to hear that so many children in class are enjoying reading for pleasure. Alongside the homework tasks, please do remember Mathletics and Purple Mash are there to help support your child's learning at home, alongside opportunities for regular reading time.

Kind regards
Miss Walker

