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Dear Parents/Carers,

28th April

Welcome to the summer term in Year 4. I hope you, your families and friends are well.

Thank you for the way you have supported your children during the past two school years with the terrible disruption to schooling. I would like to say again how well they tried in Lockdown.

Telephone/Google Meet parents' consultations will be during the next two weeks, where I will explain particular aspects of learning that your child will be working on and which you might be able to support at home.

This letter is accompanied by the planning for the first half of the summer term in case you see any opportunities to build upon our learning in class.

Our topic this half term is Communication.

We hope to be able to visit the Science museum and the Museum of London in the second half of the summer term but we will follow guidelines and advice to stay safe.

R.E.

Our Religion topic for this term is *The Early Christians*. We will be studying the teaching of the apostles and learning how their example teaches us to embed the Gospel values in our daily lives.

Maths

In Maths, we focus on decimals and their application in money and measurement. We will use continue to use the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to solve problems. We will have a particular focus on arithmetic this half term at least, to refresh the children's understanding of written and mental methods. This will also help them solve problems involving geometry and statistics in the second half of the summer term.

P.E.

We have cricket on Wednesday and games on Friday. Thank you for continuing to send your children to school 'P.E. ready'.

HOMEWORK

All homework will be given out on a Thursday this term, and should be returned by Wednesday please. Please be aware that children have different homework and spellings and some have handwriting. The children who do not work with Ms Hancock for English, have the weekly comprehension book on the coastline. Ms Hancock also gives homework to her group.

- English homework will often include aspects of R.E., art, history or geography and will use spelling and grammar:

- spelling- the children have individual, group and/or topic spellings
- Maths homework is usually linked to Mathematics.
- Children should read daily and write in their reading journals

Children should practise their times tables as often as possible.

As a staff, we are aware of the balance needed between 'catch-up' and overloading children and families with additional pressures. However, if you have any questions or comments, I will always address them.

Ways to teach your children that do not need a device!

Conversation; while you are cooking, gardening, shopping, watching T.V. This is a most effective and socially enjoyable way to embed learning and expand the mind!

Board games; these are valuable, especially if they develop strategic thinking.

Reading; all books develop the skills of prediction (guessing what might happen) and inference (reasoning why things have happened using evidence from the story). They also develop vocabulary and grammar and are a fine way for children to learn words and phrases to incorporate in their own writing (composition).

Please do remember that all we achieve, we achieve with your support. By encouraging your children to do their best in school, they will grow into confident and resilient learners.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Pannell