

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we are pleased to announce that the Macmillan cake sales have been a great success. We would like to say a massive thank you to all parents/carers who brought/bought cakes and anyone who attended to help raise money for a really important cause.

In English this week, we have been looking at the key features of diary entries with the children enthusiastically contributing to our shared write and using this piece of work to inspire their big write. In Maths, we have started our new block of learning on column addition, initially looking at 3-digit numbers and progressing to 4-digit numbers throughout the week. In Topic, the children started to look at maps of the local area followed by having a go at drawing their own version of this map. Art this week involved designing and creating a Christmas card for a local competition (Yes that's right, we said the word Christmas in September). In ICT this week, the children will be continuing to practice their coding skills using J2code and they have attempted to string pieces of code together, I'm sure they will tell you more if you ask! In Science this week, the children have taken a more artistic approach to the water cycle by creating flip-books which illustrate and describe this process.

Just as a quick reminder, homework is to be uploaded to seesaw by Tuesday, if it is uploaded after this it may not be marked. Please upload as one document as opposed to individual, separate pieces.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to send us a message on Seesaw or come and speak to us following the dismissal of pupils at the end of the day.

Thank you and we hope you have a great weekend!

The Year 4 Team

Important Dates:

- Monday 4th October - Class Photographs
- Monday 18th October - Celebrate our Differences Week
- Monday 18th October - Parent Consultation Meetings
- Tuesday 19th October - Parent Consultation Meetings
- Monday 25th October - Half term
- Monday 1st November - INSET day
- Thursday 9th December - Christmas Pantomime
- Tuesday 14th December - Christmas lunch
- Friday 17th December - Last day of term

Certificate Winners

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week: Sebi (4TK), Ryan (4TK), Emilia (4JJ), Kenan (4JJ), Grayson (4SI) and Danica (4SI). Children who received a Maths or Values certificate, will be celebrated in our main school newsletter released on a Friday.



Homework

Please check the activities section on Seesaw each week as you may have been set a task by your class teacher.

Science Task

For this week's Science homework there is a task in the activity section on Seesaw for you to complete on 'Changing States'.

Additionally, in preparation for our upcoming investigation, please find out the percentage (%) of cocoa in dark, milk and white chocolate.



Maths Task

For this week's Maths homework you have been assigned tasks on Mathletics. Mathletics is an engaging online Maths programme. The tasks that have been assigned to you are in relation to the block of learning that we are currently doing in school on addition.

Vocabulary Words:

Please learn the definition of these words. You may wish to upload a short video, voice recording or a note to tell us what they mean.

Temperature

Thermometer

Degrees Celsius ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)

Times Tables

Each week we will be focusing on a times table of the week for you to learn. As well as the weekly spelling test, you will also have a times table one featuring the times table of the week. This week please learn your **6 times tables**. Please also use TTRS. TTRS is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. Each week concentrates on a different times table, with a recommended consolidation week for rehearsing the tables that have recently been practised every third week or so.

Reading

Please read for 20-30 minutes each day. Fill in your reading log whenever you complete a book. Don't forget to give it a rating. When you reach the milestones that are printed on the log you will receive a prize in assembly. Please remember to use **Bug club** regularly to help improve your reading. All students are expected to read 10 Bug club books per term.

Spellings

Children are to learn the orange list and either the purple list or the green list of spellings. These will be tested in class every Tuesday morning. There will be a mixture of year 4 statutory words, topic words or spellings which follow a particular rule or pattern. Children are encouraged to use the look, cover, write, check method to learn the lists.

Spelling Rule (orange list): Adding the prefix *il-* (before a root word starting with 'l') and the prefix *ir-* (before a root word starting with 'r')

Purple	Orange	Green
Again	Irregular	Build
Father	Irresponsible	Busy
Only	Irresistible	Business
Find	Illegible	Calendar
Water	Illegal	Caught

