

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in English, the children continued to plan and write their short story (narrative) based on the plot from the book 'The Queen's Handbag' by Steve Antony. In their versions, the Queen is on her way to her Jubilee street party, when something gets taken from her or her corgi. It then follows the Queen's (or corgi's) journey around the UK to get this item back. Don't worry, it does have a happy ending as the item is eventually retrieved and they make it to the party. But how did they get the item back? Where did they go? The children's final stories will be entered into a competition, which is run by The Royal Mint. The topic is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 - which means she will have been Queen for 70 years!

We continued our Integrated Studies topic by looking at our big question 'What natural features do we have in the United Kingdom?' In ICT, the children learnt about the history of animation and made a flip book. In Maths, the children focused on column subtraction and were challenged further by checking their answers using the inverse operation (addition) or estimating (using rounding) their answer before calculating. In Science, the children started a new topic 'It's Electric!' and they looked at the different energy sources of appliances around us.

The temperature has certainly dropped and Autumn has arrived! Please send your children into school with appropriate clothes for the cold weather. The windows in the classrooms will continue to remain open, therefore it is important that children have a jumper or cardigan and are wearing layers to prevent them from getting cold. They will continue to do outdoor P.E throughout the winter. They will therefore need to come into school on P.E days wearing tracksuit bottoms or leggings. Finally, please can we have some boxes of tissues for our classrooms as there are many runny noses at the moment! Thank you to those parents who have already donated.

Just as a gentle reminder, both gates open at 8:40am - children are expected to be in class by 8:50am.

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 the children at the end of the day.

Thank you and we hope you have a great weekend!

The Year 4 Team

#### Important Dates:

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Pantomime

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Extravaganza

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term

Certificate Winners

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week: Harison (4TK), Dimitris (4TK), Mert (4JJ), Adar (4JJ), Tristan (4SI), Izabella (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

**Task 1:** Write a list of all the appliances in your home that use mains electricity (plugged in) or batteries (these can also be rechargeable). You may wish to present your work as a table (see below).

Mains Appliances	Battery Appliances

### Task 2:

Please answer the following question: Why is it important to save electricity? Once you have answered the question, please write down as many different ways you can think of to save electricity.

### Maths Task

Please complete the Mathematics activities set.

**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.

Conductor

Insulator

Circuit

Switch

### 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 **8 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

In preparation for our spelling assessment next week, we have included all the spellings that the children have been given to date so that they can practise at home. If the children have been learning the purple and orange words, they are the ones which they will be tested on. If the children have been learning the orange and green words, they are the ones which they will be tested on.

**Spelling rule for orange list:** Words with a /shuhn/ sound, spelt with 'ssion' (if root word ends in ss or mit)

Purple	Orange	Green
Christmas	Expression	Difficult
Should	Discussion	Disappear
Would	Confession	Early
Could	Permission	Earth
Who	Profession	Eight