

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, what a week in year 4. On Tuesday, the children in year 4 had a full day of sports. In the morning, they learnt 'Thai Boxing' with the current female British Champion. Then, an afternoon packed full of ten different events for sports day. It was certainly a fantastic afternoon, we hope you enjoyed it. Wednesday, half the year group went to London Zoo, some stayed at school, whilst others attended Barnet Athletics. Thursday, we were all in school. Finally, Friday, the day the other half of the year had been waiting for, their turn to go to London Zoo. We would like to say a huge well done and thank you to ALL the children, who were so perfectly behaved on the trip. We would also like to say a thank you to all the parents/carers that paid for the trip and to those that volunteered to help. Without your help, trips like this would not be possible.

### **What have we been doing?**

This week in English, we have been planning our letters to Ms Oliver with their suggestions as to how to improve break time.

In Maths, we have been completing our assessments.

In PSHE, our topic is 'Changing Me'. This unit will cover subjects such as how our bodies change and will include parts of a male and female body, puberty and menstruation.

Please ensure that children are wearing the correct school PE kit on both days (Tuesday all classes, 4SI Thursday and 4TK and 4JJ Friday). Please see the school website or speak to your class teacher if you are unsure. Finally, please can we have some boxes of tissues for our classrooms. 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 at the latest.

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

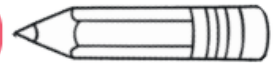
## Maths

Please complete the activities assigned for you on Mathematics.

## English

Your task this week is to write a formal letter to the zoo thanking them for your visit. Your letter must include all the features: your address, recipient's address, date, correct opening, introduction, what you saw at the zoo, your favourite part of the day, conclusion and signed off correctly (please see sheet attached). You can write or type your letter, however the language must be formal. We look forward to reading your letters.

### Formal Letters



Does your informal letter include...	
the sender's address?	
the address of the recipient?	
the date?	
a greeting?	
formal introduction sentence starters?	
an introduction to explain why you're writing?	
more detail organised into paragraphs?	
a conclusion saying what needs to happen next?	
a formal signoff?	
your name at the end?	
formal vocabulary and sentence structure?	
words from the year 5/year 6 spelling list?	
linking words and phrases, including adverbials?	
prepositional phrases and relative clauses to add clarity?	

#### Adverbials

consequently...	elsewhere...
regardless...	eagerly...
however...	repeatedly...
furthermore...	previously...
additionally...	

#### Word Bank

advise	experience	offer
agree	explain	opinion
answer	express	persuade
appreciate	forward	recommend
await	grateful	regret
believe	hope	reply
compliment	inform	respond
delighted	invite	suggest
disappointed	mention	trust
discuss	notify	

#### Formal Signoffs

'Yours faithfully,'  
if you don't know the recipient  
'Yours sincerely,'  
if you do know the recipient

#### Formal Greetings

'Dear Sir/Madam,'  
if you don't know the recipient  
'Dear Mr/Mrs/Miss (surname),'  
if you do know the recipient  
'To whom it may concern,'

#### Prepositional Phrases

... thick smoke coming <b>from</b> the...	... a stain <b>on</b> the material...
... a strange noise <b>under</b> the ...	... has spread all <b>over</b> the garden...
... the toy is now sitting <b>in</b> ...	... <b>across</b> the theatre...
... I would like to discuss this <b>with</b> you...	... <b>throughout</b> the entire contents...
... this will bring more traffic <b>into</b> ...	

#### Formal Introduction Starters

- I am writing to inform you...
- I would like to express...
- I am writing to compliment you on...
- I am writing to complain about...
- I am writing to explain...
- I am writing to tell you...

#### Relative Clauses

- ... who is a teacher himself...
- ... whose opinion I respect...
- ... which refuses to open...
- ... where I feel you can improve...
- ... when I purchased this product...

## 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 - no spellings this week

