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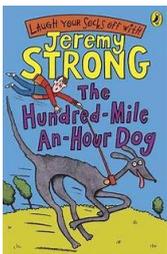
Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 4

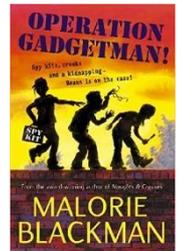
We hope you've had an enjoyable summer holiday and feel excited for the academic year ahead. Each term, we send you a letter to share with you what your child will be learning about in each subject. Next term, Year 4 will begin their 'Rivers' area of study, with particular links to Geography. The children will learn to describe and understand key aspects of natural resources, river erosion and physical features of coasts.

In **Geography**, we'll be learning to:

- Recall our knowledge from Year 3 to be able to name the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world
- Understand the water cycle
- Identify the main rivers around the world, focusing on South America, Africa and Europe
- Identify how rivers shape the world
- Begin to learn about how landforms are created and the process of erosion and deposition
- Begin to understand what happens when rivers flood and how human factors can increase the risk of flooding.



In **English**, the children's writing will be based on the genre of 'Creative Narrative,' where they will read the wonderful text '100 Mile an Hour Dog,' by Jeremy Strong. In their **Whole Class Reading** sessions, the children in 4RW will be studying the novel 'Operation Gadgetman' by Malorie Blackman and the children in 4SM will be studying 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe Todd Stanton.



When in **Maths**, the children will be learning how to count in multiples of a given number, whilst finding 10, 100 and 1000 more or less than any given number. Additionally, your child will be recapping their understanding of Place Value from Year 3.

Finally, in **Science**, the children will be building on their prior learning of materials, by exploring and understanding 'States of Matter'.

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Learning at Home

In Year 4, the homework expectations include **reading at least three times a week** and **practicing a weekly set of spellings** using strategies learned in school. In addition, children will need to complete **one Curriculum task from their Home Learning Menu**. This task will allow the children to prepare for upcoming lessons and on occasions, they may find this task challenging but please be assured this will be explored further in school. **Home Learning Books must be in school every day** please and will be marked each Thursday.



Class Dojo will be available for Home Learning support and your child's Learning at Home Booklet and Home Learning Menu will be uploaded to the Class Story. Staff will only be able to answer questions related to Home Learning via Class Dojo. Children are welcome to upload pictures of their learning.

School Day Arrangement Update

- Year 4 may arrive at school between 8:30 – 8:55am. If your child is in 4SM or 4RW, they can enter the building via the end door (by the stairwell). Unfortunately, Parents/Carers will be unable to stay for Early Morning Learning due to the increase in cases of Covid-19 in the Southwest. We will keep up to date with current situation and watch how things progress closely, until we are confident that we can welcome Parents/Carers back into site safely.
- Year 4 will be collected from the left-side of the playground (near the bike track) at 3.15pm each day.

PE this term will be on a **Monday** for both 4SM and 4RW, therefore, please make sure your child has their PE kit with them on this day. Children are encouraged to bring their PE kit to school, as their session takes place in the morning. Due to lots of the sessions will take place outdoors so please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit and a water bottle should the weather be cold/wet or sunny/warm please.

We really look forward to seeing you and your children on Monday 6th September.

Best wishes,
Mr. Walters and Miss. Moore

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