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Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 2

Wow! What a brilliant start to the year so far where we have settled back into school, kickstarted our learning and had lots of fun along the way. Throughout Term 1, we learned about Natural Resources in Geography, taking part in two educational visits to Carnglaze Cavern and Plymouth Waste Centre which allowed us to make links to our learning. Next term, Year 4 will begin their 'Ancient Civilisations' area of study, which has particular links to History. The children will explore the four ancient civilisations; Ancient Sumer, The Harrapan, Ancient Egypt and The Shang Dynasty Civilization.

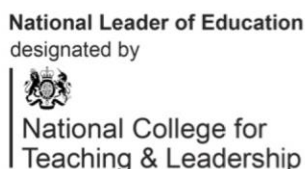
In **History**, we'll be learning:

- Where and when the first civilisations Ancient Sumer; The Indus Valley; Ancient Egypt; The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China appeared (chronological understanding).
- Discuss valid questions about similarity and difference, and significance (historical interpretation).
- To frame Historically valid questions to inspire pupils' curiosity to know more about the past (historical enquiry).
- To understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as their own identity and the challenges of their time. (Historical enquiry)



In **English**, the children's writing will be based on the genre of 'Fantasy Literature,' where they will read the wonderful text 'The Borrowers,' by Mary Norton. In their **Whole Class Reading** sessions, the children in 4PP will be studying the imaginative adventure story 'The Great Chocoplot', by Chris Callaghan and the children in 4KJ will study the exciting 'Wild Way Home' by Sophie Kirtley.

When in **Maths**, the children will continue their learning related to addition and subtraction. They will then begin to explore measurement and find the perimeter shapes. Before they begin to learn about the final two operations of multiplication division.





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Finally, in **Science**, the children will be learning about the water cycle and linking their prior learning about changing states of matter to describe the processes of evaporation, condensation and precipitation.

Learning at Home

In Year 4, the homework expectations include **reading at least five 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 only. Children are welcome to upload pictures of their learning.

School Day Arrangement Update

- Year 4 may arrive at school between 8:30 – 8:50am. You can access the school through via your child's external classroom doors. We are thrilled to welcome you all into the classrooms to enjoy some Early Morning Learning with your child between 8.30-8.45am each day, should you wish to. If you have any questions or queries, you are welcome to catch your child's class teacher during this time.
- 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 **Tuesday** for both 4PP and 4KJ, 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 afternoon. Due to lots of the sessions taking place outdoors, please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit and a water bottle, should the weather be cold/wet or sunny/warm please.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 6th November 2023.

Best wishes,
 The Year 4 Team

