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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a fantastic Christmas holiday and had fun in the snow. I am really looking forward to the Spring Term and would like to take this opportunity to share information with you about the topics we will be studying. To help you support and enjoy your child's learning experience please find a general overview of the term attached. Our main topic is a historical study of Life in Victorian Britain so if you have any resources relating to this please send them in, appropriately labelled.

Our Science unit this term is Animals, including humans, which focuses on how animals develop and change as they grow older. Within this topic we will be discussing a number of health education issues relating to changes as a child's body approaches and enters puberty. If you would like to discuss any aspects of the sessions that are to be delivered please contact me before Friday 19th January.

For your information, our P.E. lessons will usually take place on Mondays and Wednesdays but it would be helpful if P.E. kits can remain in school throughout the week in case of unplanned amendments to the timetable. Clothing suitable for outdoor and indoor wear is essential. A white T-shirt and appropriate shorts/tracksuit bottoms should be worn and trainers suitable for all weathers. Please ask if you need to check any of this information.

Homework Activities

Reading

Children will be reading in class for at least twenty minutes per day either independently, in a guided group or with the class teacher or another adult. Research has shown that children who read at home are much more likely to make good progress in all subject areas- therefore it would be appreciated if you could listen to your child read regularly. Please comment in their reading record about any successes or difficulties they may have.

Spellings

Spellings will be given out on a Friday. The children are usually required to write one sentence for each word on the list, unless otherwise instructed. The main focus is on the spelling rule. Sometimes there will be an extension to the spelling task. It is important that this is also completed to a high standard. There will be top tips with this work but please do not hesitate to ask if your child is having difficulty with any aspects of it. This homework needs to be returned by Wednesday when there will be a spelling test based on the way the rule works. Occasionally the test will cover all the rules explored in the preceding weeks.

Mathematics

Children in Class 4 need to have speedy recall of times table and division facts so homework tasks will usually be linked with these to encourage confidence and accuracy with mental skills and other mathematical challenges.

Children will sometimes receive an additional Maths or Science/Topic based activity to share with you at home. Again your support in ensuring that this is completed to a high standard and returned on time would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you, in anticipation, for your invaluable support.

Kind regards,

Debra Jones

Class 4 Teacher

