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Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to welcome you back to school and the start of the summer term. I have been busy over the Easter holidays planning our next school quest 'Growing Together'. We will be looking closely at this using plants, Roman Britain and volcanoes as vehicles for learning.

I have planned a variety of learning experiences that are categorised on the attached quest coverage leaflet. Some of the sessions may be team taught but most of the sessions will be as year groups. The core subjects of English and Maths will be taught as usual in year groups as will subjects such as PE, PSHCE, RE (locally agreed syllabus) and French.

The children have already begun their cross curricular learning and are very enthusiastic. We are currently planning a trip to Taunton Museum as our 'Quest Entry', more information is to follow.

As you can see from the quest overview, creative thinking is our 'personal learning and thinking skills' driver. We will be developing the skills needed during curriculum teach and learning. However, in the past, it has been an extremely successful and rewarding experience for the children to complete their own project based on our history focus this term. I would like the children to complete a project about any aspect of 'The Romans' that they are fascinated by. The project is designed to allow the children to plan their time effectively, gather information from a variety of sources, prepare the information in a variety of ways ready to present their projects to the class. The presentation will involve the children speaking to the class and being supported by the resources they prepare. This could be a mix of ICT, 3D models, posters, handouts, leaflets etc. Hours and hours could be spent on a project like this so we are hopefully limiting the time spent on the project by asking the presentation to be no more than 3 minutes. I would very much like the children to do their presentations to the class during the week beginning July 11th. If projects could be brought/mailed to school before then, that would be great. I will send out more information about this with the children.

There will also be a small, but very important, amount of home learning expected each week in Class 4 in line with school policy and parental agreement:

- The children will have spellings set on a Monday (via Google Classroom), together with an activity, which will be due in the following Monday. Children will also be tested on their spellings on Monday mornings.
- Maths homework will be set on Monday and will be due in the following Monday. This, more often than not, will be an online 'MyMaths' task. The children are expected to do the online lesson first followed by the homework task. I am available to the children if they need help throughout the week.
- Children will be expected to continue to practise their times tables at home (little and often).
- The children are also expected to continue their fantastic reading efforts by reading at least 4 times a week to an adult at home who should sign the record accordingly. Reading record folders are checked on Monday mornings so all signatures must be completed by then.



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In preparation for Year 5, I will also be following up homework to make sure it is done and, of course, to offer help, advice and support where it is needed. This will happen during lunchtimes when I am not on duty.

Class 4 have PE sessions on a Monday (swimming) and a Wednesday but may do some extra sport during the week. Please can I ask that your child's PE kit is therefore in school every day. The children must have a full change of named kit including PE socks and trainers.

For safety reasons, long hair has to be tied back, so a comfortable hair band is required from home and earrings must be taken out for the duration of the session. If this is not possible, the earrings must be covered with tape. Adhesive microporous tape is therefore required from home please.

In Class 4 this term, the children will be taught by myself for most of the week and by Mrs. Laphorn and Miss. Storey on Wednesday afternoons. Invaluable support will also be given to the children by Mrs Aish (Monday to Wednesday and Mrs. Farrow (Thursday and Friday).

Please look out for the Friday Flier for upcoming dates, especially Forest School sessions.

I hope you find this information useful.

Many thanks for your on-going support.

Best wishes,

Peter Coupe



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