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Class News Monday 24th January 2022

Year 4

Maths – This week we will complete area and start fractions. The children will be using the sentence: *If is the whole, then is part of the whole.* The children will learn about equivalent fraction and fractions greater than a whole.

English – This week we will complete our work on explanation texts. Class spellings will be tested on Friday. The children have a copy of the spelling words in their homework folders:

trains	schools'	children's
train's	coats	men's
trains'	coat's	mention
schools	coats'	minute
school's	babies'	natural

Foundation – The children will be investigating sound in Science. We will be making a device to investigate the movement of sound through air and solids. **If you have a spare metal coat hanger we could use, I would be very grateful.** In art we will begin to make our bee sculptures out of papier-mâché. Thank you to those parents who have already sent in newspaper – we need more.

Homework

Maths homework should be handed in with reading logs and reading books on Wednesday. There will also be an additional art homework. The children have been asked to produce a piece of environmental art at home and to bring in either a picture or photograph of their sculpture. This sculpture can only use natural materials. They have a slip of paper, explaining the task and a deadline of 31st January.

Finally - Timestables

As I have already mentioned, the children will have the Government timestables test in the summer term (June). This test is designed to test fluency, which is essential for their progression in Maths. It is also designed to identify those children who could need support. The results of the test will be forwarded to their Middle Schools. The test will involve 25 questions, up to and including the twelve times table. The test lasts five minutes and is an on screen test. The children will have the opportunity to practise this test in school from March. It is expected that all children are working on their timestables, at home, to prepare

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for this test. There is a game on TT Rockstars, which is identical to the test. The children are aware of this game and I would recommend that they play the game on a regular basis. For those children who do not enjoy on-screen timestables I suggest using other methods such as the paper timestables sheets that I have available in the classroom. Timestables flash cards could also help. Children should be spending ten minutes a day on their timestables. Even if your child knows their tables, they need to keep working on their speed and accuracy.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Helen Dewar

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