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Dear parents/carers of Year 4 pupil

We are very excited to move onto our next Learning Journey: '**Let there be Light!**'. Below we have outlined what we will be covering in class.

Curriculum topic: '**Let there be Light!**'

English	Maths	Science	Geography	Computing
Identifying the features of a biography, researching the life of an lesser known scientist, creating and writing a biography on the life of Lewis Latimer. The Lighthouse – writing character and setting descriptions, use figurative language, build tension and retell a story.	Using equivalent symbols accurately, negative numbers, adding and subtracting using mental methods, rounding and checking using the inverse.	Electricity – building simple circuits, drawing circuits using symbols, investigating conductors and insulators, creating a range of switches.	Comparing the physical and human features of the UK with North America. Using atlases to identify countries and cities, creating a 3D map to show topography.	Creating a stop motion animation using iPads.
			R.E. Christian Celebrations (the church's calendar, Pentacost, Advent, Lent, Easter, Christmas)	Art and Design Mixing and overlapping watercolours.

P.E. Lessons

Turquoise Class will be swimming each Monday from **28th October until 2nd December** Please note the dates when P.E. will be taking place for each class. **Turquoise class** will also have P.E. as part of PPA days on alternate Tuesdays: 5th November, 19th November, 3rd December and 17th December. **Azure and Cobalt** will need P.E. kit every Tuesday (while these two classes are not swimming they will have P.E. every week).

If P.E. lessons are going to be disrupted by Christmas performances we will up date you nearer the time.

Homework

Reading: Recently, there has been a decline in the number of signed reading record books we are seeing. Regularly, supporting your child with reading is essential to helping them make progress in all areas of the curriculum. The expectation is that your child reads out-loud to you or reads independently and has the opportunity to discuss, clarify and summarise. Each reading session should be recorded in your child's reading record. This should happen a minimum of 4 times a week.

Arithmetic and Spelling: Arithmetic homework is handed out each Monday with your child's Homework Folder. These need to be returned completed by the Thursday of that week. Spellings will be tested each Friday. Please support your child by discussing the meaning of each word and testing them to check their progress.

Home Learning Project: We really encourage you to get involved in the completion of these tasks. We aim for these to be enjoyable learning activities for parents/carers and their children.

Further information:

Thank you for your support with the children entering the school building by themselves in the morning. Please ensure your child is at school at 8:50am promptly, as learning begins straight away and the register is taken by 9.00am.

Your child is expected to wear full school uniform everyday, including a coat. Please, clearly label your child's belongings with their name, especially their coat and jumpers/cardigan. Jewellery is not to be worn to school apart from stud earrings.

Thank you, and as always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs Cooper, Miss Nandhra and Miss Crooks



Headteacher: Ian Hyde
Deputy Headteachers: Tara Magee and Kris Clark

Helpful websites

The school has no affiliation with any of the websites listed below and does not subscribe to any of them.

Spelling – www.spellzone.com to find more words that fit the spelling pattern your child is learning. Especially useful when your child is given 5 words and must find 5 more of their own. You could start by looking for words as they read or noticing words in everyday activities, including conversation. Then if you need more ideas, go online.

General – www.theschoolrun.com to find out about what is generally taught in KS2. It has information linked to many topics that are taught in school and parents/carers can use it to better understand topic specific vocabulary in a range of subjects e.g. your child's maths homework refers to 'place value' or 'digits', this website can be used to search for the terms in order to get an explanation so you are better able to support your child at home.

Times tables - www.timestables.co.uk/speed-test/ www.timestables.co.uk
www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

These sites are useful for practising times tables, encouraging rapid recall and timed times table activities.