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Dear Families of Year 4,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term holiday. This will be a busy and exciting half term, with World Book Day, Modern Foreign Languages Day, Easter and Science Week.

Our whole school theme this half term is 'Famous Faces' which will link in with our History topic on the Victorians. As part of our topic we will have a Victorian Day on Wednesday 20th March. Further details on this will follow.

In Maths, the children will be continuing to work on key skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be looking at measures of length and weight and continuing with the 'Blast Off!' times tables work and problem solving using bar modelling.

In English, we will be integrating our History topic by using some Victorian stories, both fact and fiction, to inspire high quality writing. We will be continuing to study spelling and grammar and to work on achieving and maintaining neat, joined handwriting.

Reminders

The children will continue to have outdoor PE, weather permitting, on a Monday afternoon so please ensure that your child has full outdoor PE kit. The other PE session will be on a Wednesday morning. We have had several instances of items of PE kit going missing so please make sure that all items are named.

Homework will continue to be set on a Wednesday for completion and return on the following Monday.

If you have any questions about your child's learning or well-being, please don't hesitate to ask or put a note in the link book which is checked daily. Please do check your child's link book as these are for two-way communication and there may on occasion be a message for you.

Kind regards,

Melanie Christie

An overview of learning in Year 4, Spring 2nd Half Term 2019

Understanding English, Communication and languages (Speaking & Listening, Reading, Writing, MfL)	Mathematical Understanding	Religious Education
Victorian fact and fiction - writing in role, playscript writing and poetry. SPAG: Alternative verbs, paired adjectives, abstract verbs. Spelling: word endings 'tion' 'ssion' 'sion' 'cian'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) - measures of length and weight - ordering measures - converting measures - times tables work - problem solving 	Raise questions and suggest answers about how serving and celebrating, remembering and betrayal, trust and standing up for your beliefs might make a difference to how pupils think and live.
Scientific and Technological Understanding (Science, Design & Technology)	Historical, Geographical and Social Understanding (PSHE, History, Geography)	Computing
Electricity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electrical safety - Circuits - Conductors - insulators 	This half term we will focus on History, the topic will be the Victorians. . PSHE: Our SEAL theme is Good to be me and our Value is Trust.	Computing will follow the Herts Scheme and this half term we will be continuing our work on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Programming and Games using Scratch
Understanding physical Development, health and wellbeing. (Physical Education, Personal and Economic Wellbeing)	Understanding the Arts (Art and Design, Music, Drama, Dance)	
PE will continue to take place every Monday afternoon with Game On. PE on a Wednesday morning will be Dance/ Gymnastics.	<u>Music:</u> Music will follow the Music Express programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building, learning about verse and chorus structure - Around the world, exploring the pentatonic scale <u>Art and Design & Technology:</u> We will be using our Victorian theme to look at the work of William Morris, to create a silhouette portrait and to try decoupage. We will also be making cards for Easter and Mothering Sunday.	