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Year 4 Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to welcome you back to the summer term and hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break.

We consider reading to be super important at Bishopton so please continue to ensure that you hear your child read regularly and discuss the book. Copies of the VIPERS questions that we use in school can be found on our website, but please see your child's class teacher if you require a copy. Books and reading records should be brought into school every day. We ask that children complete the 'book review' section of their reading records for each text that they complete.

In literacy this half term, we will be reading 'The Wild Robot'. We will be writing our own narratives about a robot arriving on and experiencing island life for the first time. We will also be looking at explanation texts and following the structure and features of this to explain why birds migrate, linking to the great migration in 'The Wild Robot'. After half term, we will be moving on to our Shakespeare unit for this year, 'Macbeth'. This unit allows the children the opportunity to develop oracy and drama skills, whilst revising some of the written genres covered throughout the year.

Science for the term is States of Matter. For this, the children will find out about the different states of matter and the properties of a variety of materials. They will learn about how to change from one state of matter to another. At the end of the term, we will be focusing on practical activities and developing their working scientifically skills.

Children are taught spelling rules linked to the Year 3/4 curriculum weekly. Weekly spelling tests will continue to take place on a Monday. Spelling lists are emailed, every Monday. Please continue to support your child with learning their spellings.

In Maths this term, pupils will build on their knowledge of shape, decimals, negative number and measure. The emphasis on times tables will continue throughout the year. The children will be consolidating their knowledge on fractions before moving on to decimals. Following this, we will be finishing the year by learning about money, time geometry (angles in 2D shapes as well as position and direction) and statistics. We will continue to build on key instant recall facts over the term. In June, Year 4 will have their timetables check. This is an online test where they will have to answer 25 questions. Therefore, over the coming weeks please help your child with their fluency by supporting them to recall their times tables. TTRS is a really useful tool for this which can be accessed at home.

Maths homework this half term will focus on times tables. Each week a new times table will be emailed and then tested on a Monday. The format will mirror the times table check and children will have 6 seconds between questions.

Our topic, which will span across both half terms, is Misty Mountain, Winding River. This topic builds on the children's geographical knowledge and will involve learning about the physical features of rivers and mountains, including a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them. Children will learn about the formation of these features and compare and contrast rivers and mountains across the world. We will also learn about the water cycle.

In RSE, children will look at 'Relationships' where we will discuss how to build positive relationships and 'Changing Me' where we will discuss coping positively with change.

In R.E., we will first be exploring Christianity before moving onto Humanism.

Computing lessons will begin by learning how to code using coding blocks. They will then use a program called LOGO which uses a text-based coding language before learning how to compose music digitally. We will also continue to learn how to stay safe online.

In P.E. this term, Year 4 will have PE lessons on the following days: **4N – Monday; 4BH – Tuesday**. Both classes will have cricket lessons with an outside agency. **Cricket will be on a Wednesday.** All lessons will be outside and as the weather is getting warmer, we encourage children to wear sun hat and sun cream.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bunt, Mrs Healey, Mrs Nero and Mrs Evans

