



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Spring Term 2

A Spark in the Dark

How has electricity impacted our lives?



Friday 24th February 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after hopefully a restful half term. Last term was full of lots of busy moments for the children so I'm sure they all needed a slight break. I cannot believe we are now into the second half of our Year 4 journey together.

Along with this letter, you will have been sent the class topic overview so you can help support your child with their learning this term. With this letter, you will also receive our Pick and Mix home learning activities. It would be appreciated if you could encourage and support your child in completing at least one activity each week. We will then continue to share any Pick and Mix home learning on a **Friday**.

As well as Pick and Mix home learning, we also have spellings, reading and times tables practice. This is compulsory to complete once a week. Whole Class Reading sessions take place daily, focusing on developing a range of reading skills, including retrieval, inference and explanations skills to encouraging progress. Spellings will be handed out on a **Monday** and will be tested on the **Friday**. In the new format, there is an opportunity to complete an English, Maths, Topic and RE activity, as well as a vision and value option. Any compulsory home learning is marked with stars (*).

Topic:

As part of our topic, *A Spark in the Dark*, we will be spending a large amount of time as scientists and will be conducting lots of investigations. As scientists, we will be spending time learning about circuits and the different components which can make up a complete circuit. Towards the end of our topic, children will be using their knowledge of electricity and circuits to design and build their own game. For this, children may be asked to bring in a shoe box or other recycling from home but another letter will be sent out about this nearer the time.

PE:

Our PE slots will take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. This term we are going to continue to focus on Dodgeball and Tag Rugby. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct PE kit on these days. Your child's PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, green shorts or green joggers, and socks. Please ensure you have a jumper as PE lessons on Wednesday will take place outside.

Your child will also need their reading book and a water bottle daily.

Value:

Justice

JUSTICE IS...

Judging what is right

Understanding what is fair

Standing up for those who need help

Trying to listen to both sides

Informed and wise decisions

Caring enough to take action

Equal opportunities for all.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. If you email the school office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Richmond
Class 4 Teacher