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VTP/ELB/NS/Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter/Term 2 of 2020-2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Term 2, Year 4 will be learning about World War I. Our book for the term will be *The Reluctant Time Traveller*, written by Janis Mackay. This will support the children with their knowledge and understanding of the war for both the soldiers on the front line and those left at home. This also parallels with developing their vocabulary and wider understanding of literature.

Within maths lessons, the children will be focusing on finding the perimeter of shapes and also consolidating their multiplication and division skills.

Homework

Please be aware homework for Year 4 will be set via Google Classroom and will be uploaded on a Friday, due in the following Wednesday. Ideally, the homework should be uploaded virtually too.

Our Year Group class code is: **tyzc2il**

Curriculum

Below are the topics that we will be studying in Term 2:

Subject	Term 2
English	The Reluctant Time Traveller - Janis Mackay The Story of The First Word War For Children Factual Information Text - Remembrance Day Poetry Diary Entries Newspaper Report
Maths	Measure - Perimeter Multiplication Division
Science	Sound
Computing	Designing Toys
Topic (History, Geography, D.T, Art)	World War I Understanding how the war began. Learn facts about the war. The meaning and impact of Remembrance Day The British Legion Map reading of European countries Poppies Dress Up Day A possible visitor from Sittingbourne Museum

	Radio interviews 3D model of London
R.E.	This year we are teaching RE with a whole school focus. There will be a termly whole school RE days to provide the children with rich learning opportunities.
French	En Famille (The Family)
P.E	REAL PE Social Dynamic and Static balances
Music	Stop! A rap about bullying.
PSHE	Celebrating Difference

Water Bottles

It is essential that all children have a water bottle in school every day. Bottles should be left in school, but taken home on a Friday to be deep cleaned. Bottles are to be brought in on Monday morning, filled ready for the day.

PE

Children will need to **wear** their PE kit to school on their designated PE day, which is **Wednesday for Sunstone and Thursday for Onyx, Argent and Quartz**. This is to ensure it can be washed and clean for the following week. The kit should include a white t-shirt, blue/black shorts and plimsolls. A blue/black tracksuit will be needed during the colder months should we be outside for lessons on a dry day. Long hair must be tied back with a hair band and earrings must be removed. Please can you provide a note if your child is unable to take part in PE.

Swimming

This term **Argent and Quartz** will be swimming.

Swimming is on a Tuesday morning for Year 4. **This will be in terms 1, 3 and 5 for Sunstone and Onyx and terms 2, 4 and 6 for Argent and Quartz**. Swimming is part of the curriculum which means **all** children need to take part. As mentioned, please provide a note for your child if they are unable to take part. Girls must wear a one-piece swimsuit and all children need a swimming hat. **Again earrings must be removed for swimming**.

PSHE

This term we will be Celebrating Difference. This will allow the children to investigate judging by appearance, bullying and the factors around it, think about where our influences come from and to celebrate their own uniqueness.

Forest School / Cooking

During Term 2 **Argent and Onyx** will be participating in Forest School and Cooking. The class will be split into two groups and will do each activity once a week. Please be aware that this will not be happening on the last week of Term 2. Please ensure you know which of the two days your child is participating in Forest School.

Please make sure that your child is wearing their Forest School kit into school on the day of their session. They must wear a long sleeved top, long trousers and sturdy footwear (wellies would be ideal)

**Monday/Tuesday Argent
Wednesday/Friday Onyx**

Uniform

Children should be wearing black shoes. Black trainers are **not** acceptable, please ensure that your child has the correct footwear. As the weather becomes colder, also ensure that your child brings a coat to school. We would also like to remind you that necklaces, bracelets, large bows, bangles etc. are not part of the school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Nail varnish should also be removed.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Daniels Mrs Taylor Miss Reynolds Mrs Spillard Miss Stanton