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Dear Parents and children of Year 4,

I hope you are all well and that, even though it was not the Easter holiday we were all expecting and looking forward to, you were able to spend some nice family time together and enjoy the sunshine in your gardens. My children were certainly very pleased that the Easter bunny was still able to visit and wasn't affected by the lockdown rules!

Moving forward, I will be emailing every Friday and making some suggestions about some work you might like to do with your child. This email and any resources will also be available to access on the school website under 'Home Learning' and 'Year 4'. Please do not feel you have to complete all of the activities – it will be impossible to try and replicate a school day at home and they are just suggestions. Your family's wellbeing is the most important consideration in these difficult times. I really appreciate that home schooling is very tricky (trying to do it with a 6 and 2 year old has definitely had its ups and downs!) and I am sure many of you are trying to juggle working from home whilst trying to keep your children occupied. Please just do what you can.

I have tried to organise the learning into weekly challenges- maths and English being from high quality web-based providers- and then a more topic based grid you can choose from over the course of however many weeks we remain at home for. We should be about to start a new term focusing in on the ending of WW2 and VE day celebrations and so some of the activities will be based around this.

Week 1 home learning suggestions:

Maths- Please go onto the White Rose maths website (www.whiterosemaths.com) and look for the Year 4 home learning resources and if possible work through the Summer term week 1 lessons. This is the area of maths we would have been doing if we had been in school. Every day there is a short video introducing the focus of the learning and then a worksheet your child could work through (if you don't have a printer, they could look at the questions online and then just write the answers into the book we sent home or just verbally answer them). The video clip starts with something called 'Flashback 4' which the children are used to doing at school. It looks back at things they have done in the past in maths lessons so is a good refresher activity.

Please also still encourage your child to access their Times Table Rock Star account and Mathletics.

English- We were due to start looking at play scripts this term and this would prove tricky in a home learning situation so, for now, I have decided to base English work around the site Pobble (www.pobble365.com) which the children are really familiar with as I use them for our daily challenge. Please use the links below, where you will find 5 different presentations of English tasks based around an image and a story starter. You will find one image lasts you longer than one session so please feel free to choose the image your child most engages with and use that across several sessions- there are lots of activities to do based on each image so there is more than enough for the week. The children can continue the story, improve some 'sick' sentences, create a drawing based on the image and story and complete some grammar work linked to the image.

<https://app.pobble.com/lessons/preview/dba08c68>

<https://app.pobble.com/lessons/preview/55fc4d13>

<https://app.pobble.com/lessons/preview/9a7a9ce5>

<https://app.pobble.com/lessons/preview/43add249>

<https://app.pobble.com/lessons/preview/ee3cf70e>

For spellings, I will set new spellings for the week on Spelling Shed. These will be available from Monday and the children will be able to play the games they are used to. If you are able to do a quick-fire quiz on them at the end of the week it will help you to see how they have been getting on with their practising.

Please keep encouraging your child to read and record what they have been reading in their yellow reading diary. When they finish a book they could write a book review. If you have time, please talk to your child about what they are reading and make some predictions about what might happen next. They could even act out some of the things they have been reading!

PE - If you are able to, join Joe Wicks on YouTube for PE with Joe. We are definitely getting fitter as a result of joining him at 9am every morning!

Topic and other learning - Please see the additional 'task menu' sheet for additional tasks you might like to do with you child. There are lots of activities to choose from which will last across the next few weeks.

I really look forward to hearing about all the different things you and your child have been able to do. My activities are just suggestions, please add to these with any interests your child has. I have enjoyed seeing some of the things you have been doing- thank you to those people who have emailed me already. Mrs Burbank has created a new email address for you to send any home learning the children would like to share- distance.learning@stockham.oxon.sch.uk. Please do send things in, it's lovely to see what the children have been up to.

I will be making my weekly phone call on Monday so do look out for a mobile number you may not recognise. It would be lovely to talk to as many of you as possible (not to check up on work but just to see how you all are). If any of the children want to speak to me then I am more than happy to do this too. If you have any worries or further questions about anything, please do email me via the school office and I will get back to you as soon as I can. office.2583@stockham.oxon.sch.uk.

Finally, we have had to take the decision to cancel the Year 3 & 4 trip to Path Hill which was due to take place in June. We were very sad to have to do this and I'm sure the children will be disappointed, but we felt there was no other choice at the current time as the health and safety of both pupils and staff is paramount. Nay will be arranging for refunds to be made via Parentpay.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you all keep well.

Best wishes
Mrs Burson

