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Dear Parents and children of Year 4

I hope you are all keeping well and have had a good first week of home learning. It certainly has been a very different week but I hope you have been able to enjoy some activities together and get a little bit of sunshine in your back gardens.

The pack which your child took home last week should hopefully be keeping them busy and there was plenty there to see you through the next week or two- there is obviously no requirement for them to be doing work over the normal Easter break, unless of course you want to keep them busy! There are also some additional ideas and tasks on the website under Home Learning and Year 4. I am also attaching the sheet I sent home on the last day, just in-case it got mislaid on the way home as this also had some additional ideas and activities on it- more specific to what we had been doing in class. I'm really looking forward to being emailed pictures of some of your wonderful WWII creations you might be working on or anything else your child is particularly proud of. I can already see some of the children have been going on Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed a lot. I wonder who will end up at the top of the leaderboard each week?...

One website I have used lots this week, which I'd like to draw your attention to, is Whiterose Maths (www.whiterosemaths.com). If you go to the Home Learning section and look for Year 4 there are daily lessons with a short animation explaining the lesson and then a worksheet to complete (and even the answers!). If you haven't already found them, can I suggest having a look on Monday at the Week 1 Lesson 1 session and having a go.

Also if you haven't already found Joe Wicks PE session on YouTube - 9am every morning (certainly getting us fit in our house!), Maddie Moate science sessions- YouTube, at 11am, Chester Zoo daily live feeding sessions and talks - on their Facebook page or David Walliams story time - 11am on his website www.worldofdavidwalliams.com then these are also worth having a look at.

I fully appreciate how difficult it is trying to encourage your children to attempt some home learning, especially if you have been working from home at the same time or have little ones around - having a 6 and 2 year old myself and trying to 'teach' and occupy both of them has definitely been 'interesting' and challenging and so there is certainly no expectation about the amount that gets completed. A little a day from the pack or websites would be great but some of the best learning comes out of playing with your children or doing jobs around the house like cooking or gardening and talking through what you are doing.

If you do want to contact me with a concern, question or just to share what you have been doing, please do so via the school office email (office.2583@stockham.oxon.sch.uk). This will get forwarded onto me and I will then respond as soon as I can. As you will have seen from Mr Burbank's email I will also be making phone contact next week as well to see how things are going.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you all keep well. Long may the sunshine continue!

Best wishes

Mrs Burson

