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Dear Parents and children of Year 4,

I hope you are all well and have been able to enjoy some more of the glorious sunshine again this week. It was lovely to catch up with so many of you this week, including talking to some of the children, when making my weekly phone calls and hearing about lots of the lovely things you have been doing. If I didn't speak to you directly, then hopefully you have picked up my message and I hope to be able to catch you next Monday. If you think there is a better number to contact you on, then please do let the office know- there have been a couple of people I have not been able to make contact with either week.

It was lovely to hear that lots of you have been able to access the suggested learning activities I sent out last week and have added to them with some brilliant ideas of your own. Responding to a bit of feedback, I am continuing with the Maths, English and spellings as this week and then I have also attached an additional non-screen activities sheet which you can try.

Week 2 Term 2 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 2 lessons. Next week the focus will be on decimals and money. 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. On a Friday, there is no set lesson but instead there is a challenge activity which gets progressively more difficult as the questions go on. As a family, try to see how far you can get! If your child is finding the Year 4 activities a little tricky then you could always have a look at the Year 3 resources and work from these instead.

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

English- I had some good feedback about the writing activities so will continue with these next week as well as supplementing them with BBC Bitesize. Please use the links below, where you will again find 5 different presentations of English tasks based around an image and a story starter. As I said last week, 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. They could also write a diary entry based on the image or even a letter imagining they were telling someone else about what is happening.

<https://app.pobble.com/lessons/preview/4901907a>

<https://app.pobble.com/lessons/preview/7a913434>

<https://app.pobble.com/lessons/preview/6ec8d693>

<https://app.pobble.com/lessons/preview/66efd48e>

<https://app.pobble.com/lessons/preview/bbd736be>

Please also have a look at the daily English session for Year 4 on BBC Bitesize (www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary). These are released daily but once they have been uploaded they can be accessed again and so there are also some nice activities from this week you could have a look at e.g. the reading task about Please Mrs Butler

I can see from Spelling Shed that lots of the children did really well with practising and learning their spellings this week. I will release the next set of words on Monday.

Please keep encouraging your child to read and record what they have been reading in their yellow reading diary. If you have time, please talk to your child about what they are reading and make some predictions about what might happen next.

PE - If you are able to, join Joe Wicks on YouTube for PE with Joe at 9am. If you would like something a little different however, there are also some other great resources available.

Mr Chadwick, who works in our school with classes on a Monday, has created some videos that are skills based as well as a trick shot video for the children to watch and create their own. These are the first links and he is making more to follow.

Key Stage 1 - https://youtu.be/pQL_R3cc-9w Key Stage 2 - <https://youtu.be/uBUYZ3jNkEs>

Trick Shot Video - <https://youtu.be/pKlbdqrCatM>

Please also have a look at the following website where there are different challenges to have a go at.
<https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups>.

Oxfordshire School Games have also just announced that they will be launching the Oxfordshire School Games @ Home web page, going live on Monday, www.activeoxfordshire.org/school-games. I have attached their poster in this email.

There are going to be a mixture of cultural and physical challenges that everyone can get involved in, children, parents, carers, anyone. The page will go live on Monday morning where there will be video demonstrations on how to do the challenges and an area where everyone can share their results and findings. The web page will have all active resources from local companies and sporting national governing bodies. After each challenge has finished (every fortnight) they will announce winners who will be sent a pair of OSG@H branded socks. Those that take part can share their findings, ideas and results by emailing them to schoolgames@activeoxfordshire.org, putting them on Youtube and sharing them with School Games or putting them on twitter using #oxonschoolgames – **this is completely down to parental decision not something we will be doing via school.**

Topic and other learning - Please see the 'task menu' sheet I sent last week for additional tasks you might like to do with you child. I know some of you have already started thinking about VE day ideas. There are lots of activities to choose from which will last across the next few weeks. I have also attached a sheet of ideas for non-screen time activities as I know this was a concern for many of you. Please also do look at BBC Bitesize for the daily lessons on other subject areas such as Science, Geography, History, Art and Music. There were some great ideas there last week and I'm sure the same will be true for this week. Don't forget the children all have access to the Oxfordshire Online Music service as well (www.oxfordshireonlinemusic.co.uk) – log ins were sent home before we broke up.

I really look forward to hearing about all the different things you and your child have been able to do this week. As before, my activities are just suggestions, please add to these with any interests your child has. Please send any pictures or videos to distance.learning@stockham.oxon.sch.uk and Mrs Burbank will forward it to me- and you might even make the newsletter!

I will be making my weekly phone call on Monday again 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. 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, I was very excited this week to get some post at school. We have had more success with our class letters and have had responses from Blue Peter, David Walliams and Andy Griffiths (all the way from Australia!) so well done to Molly W, Alfie B, Brandon, Lily, Jennifer and Amber who wrote those letters! I have attached some photos of the replies and when we are back at school you can see the real ones! Hopefully you might be inspired to get writing some more letters while you are all at home.

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

Best wishes
Mrs Burson

