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Dear Parents and children of Year 4,

I hope you are all well and still continuing to spend some quality time together as a family. It was lovely to catch up with lots of you again this week when making my weekly phone calls and hearing about lots of the interesting things you have been doing. It was lovely to speak to more of the children this week as well. Thank you to those of you who have given me updated contact details. 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.

I have also enjoyed receiving lots of your messages and photos which you sent to the home learning email address. I have been so impressed with how creative lots of you are being and the new skills the children are learning. Please keep them coming- they do help to cheer me up and I am trying to upload them quickly to the website so everyone can see them. Hopefully you will have seen Mrs Burbank's message yesterday that there is now a new email address for you to send you home learning photos, videos and messages straight to me – distance.learning4@stockham.oxon.sch.uk. The added '4' in the address will ensure it will get straight to me and then I will be able to upload any photos and reply. **By sending photos to this address I will take it that you give permission for the photos to be put on the school website and in the newsletter.**

As we move into another week of home learning I hope you are finding a pattern which works for you as a family. From talking to lots of you this week, there was definitely a sense of parents worrying that they are not 'doing enough' or 'the right thing' and that things have been a bit trickier the longer the time goes on. As I said to many of you, please just use the activities I suggest as a guide and if your child's interests take you in a different direction then that is absolutely fine.

Maths- I will be continuing to suggest the use of the White Rose Maths resources but there is a slight change next week as the worksheets are no longer free on their website. As a school we have a subscription so you will find the worksheets for the week attached to this Parentmail and also on the school website. You will still be able to access the videos on the White Rose website. Next week the focus will be on multiplication and division. There are additional resources, which will complement these resources, on the BBC Bitesize website as the 2 sites are in sync from next week. 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- Please use the links below, where you will again find 5 different presentations of English tasks based around an image and a story starter. 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/a9acefd7>

<https://app.pobble.com/lessons/preview/a249a1f4>

<https://app.pobble.com/lessons/preview/c5ec9aa6>

<https://app.pobble.com/lessons/preview/67731979>

<https://app.pobble.com/lessons/preview/c14b9158>

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. Some I would suggest from last week's lessons would be:

Using inverted commas to show speech (www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4rbgwx)

Using apostrophes to show possession (www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmt2mfr)

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. In addition, I have also attached a reading comprehension about VE day the children could try and there is also a reading activity about The Worst Witch from BBC Bitesize (www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z7rrcqt).

PE – Some suggestions for PE activities:

- PE with Joe Wicks on Youtube everyday at 9am.
- Mr Chadwick's PE challenges Key Stage 1 - https://youtu.be/pQL_R3cc-9w Key Stage 2 - <https://youtu.be/uBUYZ3jNkEs> Trick Shot Video - <https://youtu.be/pKlbdqrCatM>
- www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups.
- Oxfordshire School Games website challenges (www.activeoxfordshire.org/school-games).

Topic and other learning - It would be lovely if you focused on the VE day activities from the topic sheet this week as the national celebration is on Friday 8th May and this is what we would have been focusing on this week if we had been in school. I would love to see photos of any 'garden parties' you have to commemorate the occasion. I have also uploaded lots of additional VE day linked activities to the school website if your child would like to complete these (there are lots so I have uploaded rather than attaching copies here). There are some informative slideshows and then some activity sheets to complete. Please also do look at BBC Bitesize for the daily lessons on other subject areas such as Science, Geography, History, Art and Music- I imagine there will be activities linked to VE day on there this week. I know some of the children have enjoyed looking at activities from different year groups so do have a good look around on the site to see what is available. Also take a look at Mrs Burbank's assembly on the school website at 10.20am on Monday morning!

I really look forward to hearing about all the different things you and your child have been able to do this week. Please send any pictures, messages or videos to distance.learning4@stockham.oxon.sch.uk and look out for them being uploaded to the school website. 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.

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

Best wishes
Mrs Burson

