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Dear Year 4 families,

I hope you are all well and have been able to enjoy the wonderful sunshine this half-term holiday has brought. Hopefully, you have been able to spend some quality time together and your children feel refreshed and ready for some more home-learning tasks this term.

As you will be aware, the government guidelines initially include the phased return to school for Foundation, Year 1 and Year 6 children and so, until we are advised otherwise, you will continue to get weekly work suggestions from me via email and on the school website. From the second week back, I will be in school on a Friday teaching my key-worker group and so this email will probably reach you at the weekend after this week.

If we had been in school, our new topic would have been 'Cracking Contraptions' where we would have learnt all about inventions, inventors and made lots of exciting things. We will still try do this topic through home-learning tasks- you might want to start saving some junk modelling materials for activities later in the term! Please find below some suggestions for work which could be completed this coming week. From next week we will try to do some English tasks based around the texts we would have been working on in school – I just need to retrieve my copy from my classroom! I will also put a new resource on the website which is a weekly pack of lessons covering different subjects if you would like more to do or a different variety, but as always this is completely optional.

Maths	English	Other subject areas
<p>Please continue to work through the Whiterose Maths resources – www.whiterosemaths.com</p> <p>The videos for the week will be available on the Whiterose website (under home learning and Year 4). If you have been following weekly, we are now up to Summer Term Week 6. I will attach the worksheets to this Parentmail and also add them to the school website.</p> <p>Do also have a look at the BBC Bitesize website for additional resources to accompany these Whiterose lessons.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>As before half term, if you would like something a little different then have a look at the I See Maths Website.</p>	<p>As in previous weeks, you could use the Pobble links below to do some extended writing by continuing the story or try to improve sentences by making them more powerful and detailed. These sessions are all based around an image.</p> <p>Out of the blocks Colours of the ocean Wild horses Gravity Lost</p> <p>There is another alternative task this week. Pobble have also created a weekly lesson presentation which takes you through a series of tasks based around a central theme. This week's task is called 'Community'. There are some spellings, grammar and creative writing tasks to have a go at. You can find the presentation here Community</p> <p>BBC Bitesize have some good lessons to work through. There will be some new ones next week but some good</p>	<p>Topic – to begin our topic I would like the children to think about what they consider to be important inventions. You will find 2 tasks on the website-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Choose some inventions they consider to be really important and explain why they think they are important.2. A 'diamond 9' activity where they have to rank 9 pictures of inventions in order of importance and be able to justify their opinions and ideas. Once decided, 1 item should be on top (the 'most important' in their opinion), 2 more underneath, 3 underneath that, then 2 more and finally 1 at the bottom they consider to be 'least important'. I'd love to see what they come up with and their reasons! It might spark a good debate in your house!

This is a resource we use in school and they are also providing daily lessons. These are more problem solving based so should add a bit of variety to Maths work.

Please also keep playing Times Tables Rockstars and Mathletics.

ones from the week before half term include:

[Creating a formal report](#)

[Using subordinating conjunctions](#)

Reading

Please continue to encourage your child to read daily. They could then write a book review and send a photo of it to me so I can add it to the website for others to look at.

You could also complete the reading comprehension sheets I have uploaded to the school website. To explain them, one star is the easiest version and 3 star is the hardest version.

BBC Bitesize also have a weekly reading activity. You can find last week's one here: [Bitesize book club](#).

Spelling

This week's spellings will be loaded to Spelling shed on Monday morning.

Science –Our topic for this term is Living things, classification and habitats.

For the first week I would just like you to go out into your garden or take a piece of paper on a walk and draw some of the animals you find around you. You could make a list and even a bar chart of your findings. I wonder who can spot the most birds or who might spot the most unusual creature. If you can take any photos then send them in too!

Art – Using items you find in your garden or on any walks you go on, can you make a nature collage? You could collage a picture of an animal, a scene or even a person. Here is an idea of what you could do...



Music – continue to practise your recorder.

PE – PE with Joe Wicks on Youtube everyday at 9am.

[Mr Chadwick's challenge- KS2](#)

[Oxfordshire School Games challenges](#)

I really look forward to hearing about all the different things you and your child will do together this coming 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 or maybe even a future assembly! I will be making my weekly phone call on Monday again and it would be lovely to talk to as many of you as possible. My phone call day will probably need to change once more children are in school but I will let you know when this might be, once I know more.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all stay well and enjoy this glorious sunshine.

Best wishes
Mrs Burson

