

YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

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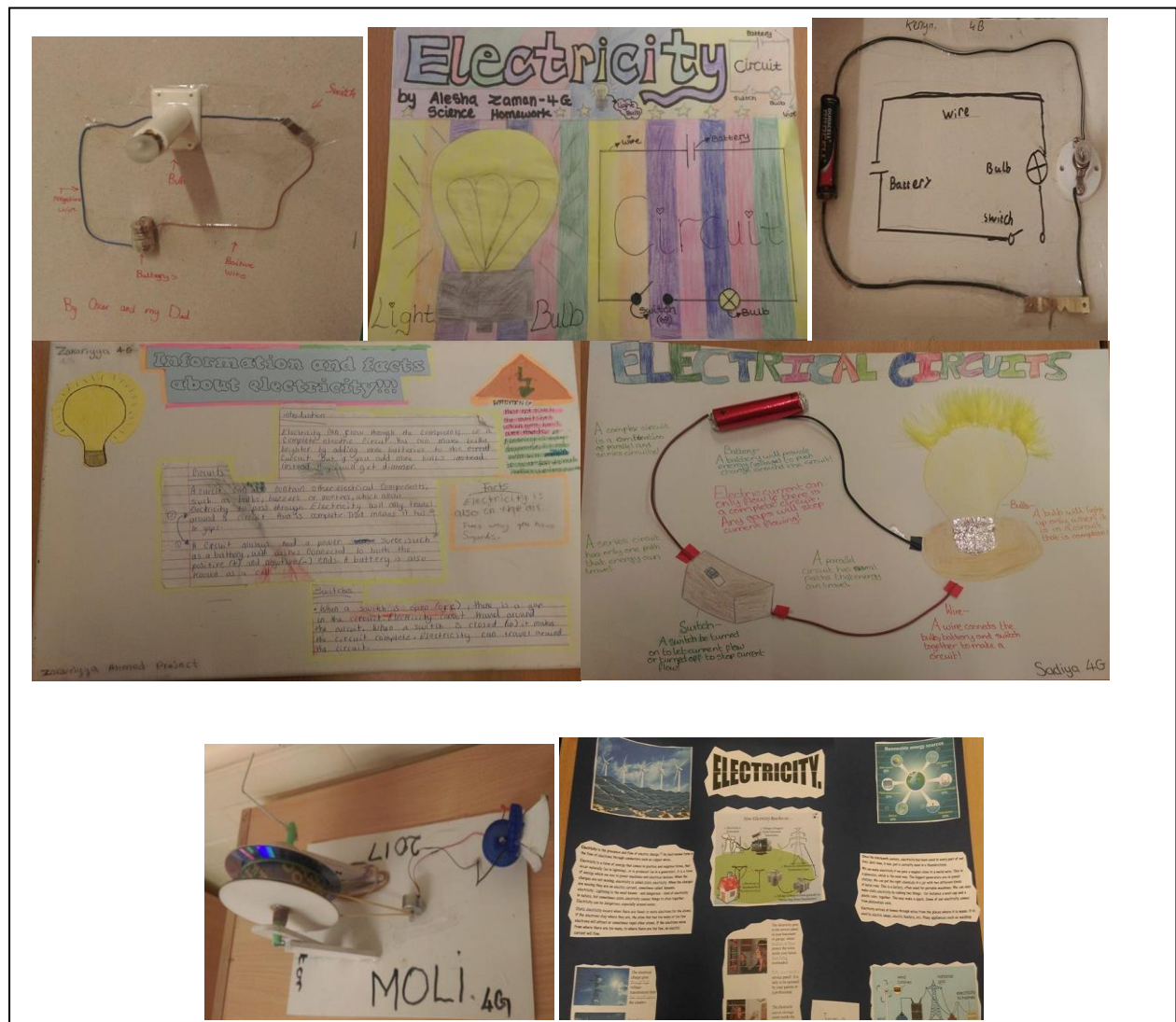
Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term and a new year. We are also fortunate to welcome a new experienced member of staff to our team, Ms Clunis, who is the new phase leader and assistant head teacher.

Topic : Robots Rock

Every term we learn about a different topic. We make cross-curricular links with these topics which allows the lessons to be taught in a creative way. This term the topic in Year 4 is 'Robots Rock'. This is a very science based topic looking at how and why electricity is made and progressing to making series and parallel circuits using different components.

Thank you to all the children who made a great effort with their holiday homework. The teachers have been "impressed" by the quality of the work produced with posters on electricity and even some working models were built.



Targets



Children have now been given target cards to complete to help with their learning. Literacy and maths target cards are kept in their exercise books so they can be frequently checked.

Literacy Target: Children are to create and describe characters and settings in a story in greater detail.

Maths Targets: Counting on and back. Learning how to tell the time using both analogue and digital clocks. Solving problems involving fractions and decimals.

First ever Reading Festival arrives at Vicarage.



We are very excited to be taking part in Vicarage's first **Reading Festival** which has just started. This will be a celebration of reading for pleasure and all things about books. The children will listen to story tellers, meet authors and of course read lots and lots of books.

The exciting festival will end on **World Book Day** where the children will dress up as their favourite book character. We would like to invite parents to read to different classes, showing the children that parents also have a love of books. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested.

Finally, please share lots of books with your child and let them see you enjoying a book or magazine also. Have fun and enjoy your reading.

Homework

Homework is handed out on Thursday and is expected in by the following Tuesday. It is essential that the work is returned by the designated day, so as to give the teacher the opportunity to mark the work and give constructive feedback. If your child experiences difficulties in understanding and completing their homework, they should approach their class teacher before the work is due in.



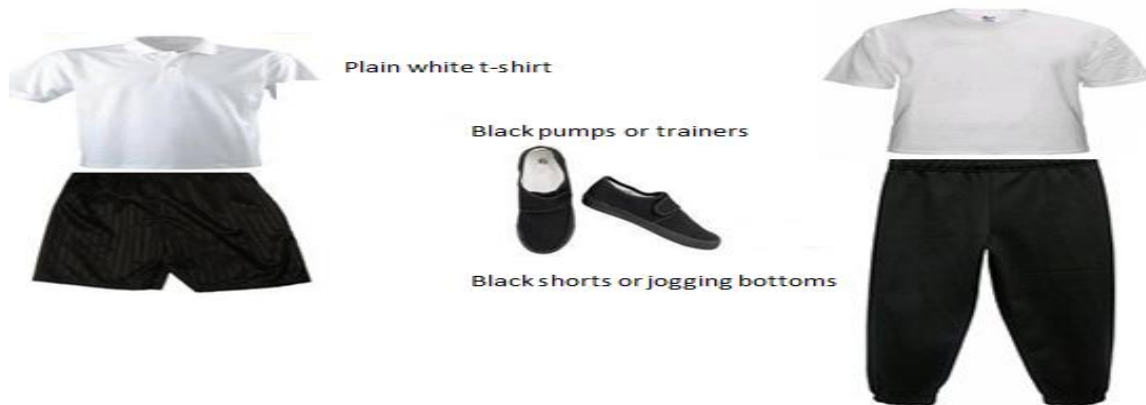
Children will be given spellings and a short comprehension to complete every week. We will be giving the children time in class to learn these but please help your child memorise these for the test on Friday and encourage the use of them in their sentences.

Developing reading skills is a vital part of your child's education and an on-going form of homework, so we ask that you read with your child for at least 15 minutes each day and keep a record of it in their school diaries.

P.E / Swimming Kits

Physical Education is a part of the National Curriculum and it is compulsory for pupils to participate. Therefore, it is necessary for children to have their P.E kits in school on the appropriate days. It is advisable that children leave their P.E kits in school (on their pegs) during term time and only take them home during the holidays to wash. Please ensure that your child has the relevant P.E kit.

P.E.KIT



Year 4 classes continue swimming on Mondays (4G) and Fridays. Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit with them on the relevant days. As well as an appropriate swim wear children are also required to bring in a swimming cap and a towel. Swimming caps can also be purchased from the school's main reception.

Ways Forward

- When picking up your child from school please ask them what they have done during the day. This is a very simple task to improve memory and chronological skills.
- When reading stories with your child, encourage them to predict what is going to happen next. Ask your child to re-write different parts of the story.
- Times tables still need to be continually practiced at home and at school. While out and about with your child please play times tables games to help your child achieve their bronze, silver and gold badges. Our expectations are that every child in Year 4 has, at least their bronze badge by the end of the current academic year.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Your Year 4 Team :

Mr Gokdemir - 4G
(Year 4 Leader)

Ms Billan - 4IB

Ms Brinsmead - 4B

Mr Nelson - 4N

Education assistants: Mrs Sadler and Ms Iqbal.

Year 4's outstanding writer for this newsletter is from Sadiya Salim in 4G. She has based her planning and writing around our literacy lessons which involved a recount. Well done Sadiya!

LO: A recount

Mr. Carter was in the enormous, clean kitchen, making some delicious, fresh coffee when his wife, Mrs. Carter and her pet kitten sat on the soft, warm sofa. As he (Mr. Carter) gingerly placed the cup of coffee on the shiny, polished glass table, Mrs. Carter turned on the tv, as she was desperate to get the X-factor results! The show started as Mrs. Carter stared incessantly at the huge tv screen!

Out of the blue, a quick flash shone through the glass window. Mr. Carter ran to the window and stared with his mouth and eyes wide open. He was as still as a statue! There was a curiously stupendous object, hovering in the dark sky!

Suddenly, the clock struck twelve! At that moment, there was a mysterious, humming sound coming from the hovering object. This was an unclear message! All of a sudden, Mr. Carter realised that the hovering object was above Vicarage Primary School! As quick as a flash, Mr. Carter grabbed his phone and took a picture of the hovering object. Very peculiarly, the hovering object suddenly disappeared!