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Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope your Easter break has been enjoyable, leaving the children refreshed and ready to embrace their final term in Year 4. There are many exciting things to look forward to this term!

This letter provides a brief outline of the curriculum topics covered during the summer term as well as some other important information.

Equipment

Please ensure that all equipment is labelled or clearly identifiable (for example with a bright unique sticker).

Students may also bring spare pencil and pen as well as a pencil sharpener and a rubber.

This equipment should fit into **one, small** pencil case as it is stored in their drawers.

If students would like to bring felt tips or extra colouring pencils, I ask this be put into a separate pencil case, which will be kept in their drawers.

Homework

The homework schedule will continue as before the Easter holidays. Your continued support with supervision over homework tasks is very much appreciated both by the school and your children. Every week an activity will be set through Mathematics as an extension task for those who wish to have further practise.

The following homework schedule is a rough guide and therefore subject to change when necessary:

Monday: Spellings given out, with a task to be handed in on Wednesday, and spellings to be tested on Friday.

Tuesday: English to be handed in on Thursday.

Wednesday: Maths to be handed in on Friday.

This is in addition to **all** children reading **aloud to an adult** for at least 5 minutes **every night** and learning their spellings and times tables. If you have any issues with homework, please write a note in your child's homework diary to be given to me the following day.

Water Bottles

It is very important that your child is sufficiently hydrated during the school day, especially with the hot weather approaching, and therefore they should bring a bottle of water into the classroom everyday.

I have a water reminder set on the smartboard and encourage students to take a sip of water every 40 minutes.

Staying hydrated promotes body regulation and brain function, helps your memory, as well as helping to prevent fatigue and headaches. Coming from a hot climate in rural Australia, I aim to ensure all students are drinking enough water throughout the day.

Please ensure that bottles are named, transparent and have a sports style cap in order to avoid accidental spillages. Children will be able to refill these at appropriate times during the day.

Absences





If, for whatever reason, your child is absent from school, please could you inform the school by telephone before 9.15am on the day of absence and in writing when he/she returns to school. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

PE and Swimming

The children will continue to go swimming on a Wednesday morning at Chesham sports centre. If your child has hair which is long enough to cover their eyes when wet, they **need** to wear a swimming hat. Children need to continue to bring a packed lunch with them on a Wednesday.

Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit with them every day. If you would like to include a spare of socks, please do so. They will be able to keep a pair in their draws if they wish.

After half term, an external coach will be visiting weekly to lead the children in cricket on a Thursday afternoon. Children will need to have their outdoor PE kit.

*Please check that **all** PE kit is clearly named.*

Trips

This term the children will be attending the Shortenills residential trip. There will be a letter coming home shortly with all the final details you need to know and a guide for required kit. This will be discussed with the children before being sent home but if you have any queries not covered in the final letter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation, we look forward to an exciting and fulfilling term together.

Curriculum Overview for the Summer Term

Maths	Maths will be taught using Inspire Maths Curriculum. We will be reviewing perimeter and working out area for rectilinear and composite shapes, decimals, symmetry and tessellations.
English	Stories from other cultures focusing on African stories, Fiction with an element of fantasy using Michael Morpurgo 'The Butterfly Lion', and stories with humour.
Science	Animals including Humans: eating and digestion.
History	Volcanoes and Earthquakes
Art	Journeys
Computing	Coding; solving bugs in an algorithm.
P.E.	Circuit training; Striking and field games; Athletics, Cricket
R.E.	Developing a healthy lifestyle
P.S.H.E.	Sacred Texts
Music	Violins

Yours sincerely,

Miss B McIntyre