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Dear Parents/Carers of all children in Year 4,

**Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn 2023 1<sup>st</sup> Half**

A very warm welcome to Year 4. The children have made a really good start and settled in well! Important information for this half term is below.

**Reading**

This term in Guided Reading we will be reading 'Boudica's Army' by Hilary McKay. This text is linked to our Roman history topic and will help to develop reading skills and widen children's vocabulary.

Your child will bring home a book that they have chosen. Please read with your child at home on a daily basis and record a comment in their reading diaries. Book bags should be brought to school **daily**. Children are expected to read at home for **at least 30 minutes a day** and reading is monitored weekly. Children will be able to access Accelerated Reader quizzes in class and at home.

**Maths**

Please help your child to learn their times tables facts as this is a major focus in Year 4. The children need to know all the times tables and corresponding division facts (e.g  $5 \times 7 = 35$  so  $35 \div 7 = 5$  and  $35 \div 5 = 7$ ) by the end of Year 4.

The focus for this half term will be the **7x table**. In order to support them, children have login details to allow access to Times Tables Rockstars at home, using the website <https://ttrockstars.com/>. Children need to practise at home for **10 minutes daily**.

**Spellings**

Over this half term we will continue to learn words from the statutory spelling list. We will also be looking at spelling words with the suffix '-ure' and learn how to distinguish between the spelling and meaning of homophones. Homophones are words that sound the same, but are spelt differently and mean different things. Here are some examples that we will work through in class; peace / piece, main / mane, fare / fair, great / grate, brake / break.

**Home Learning**

Please have a look at the attached sheet for some starter ideas for projects on 'Solids, Liquids and Gases' that you could complete at home with your child. Do bring in any completed projects to share with the class.

**PE**

Please send children into school in clothes that they can exercise in without the need to change for PE. On **Tuesdays** this half term children will be doing Gymnastics so will need to make sure that they are suitably dressed as they will need to do this in bare feet. Swimming lessons will take place on **Thursdays** at King's Hedges Learner Pool. Our first swimming lesson will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Children will need to remove earrings for PE and long hair must be tied back. We believe that children can nearly always take part in a PE lesson in some capacity if they are able to attend school. Our policy is that children will take part in PE lessons unless a doctor's note advises in writing against it.

**General reminders**

Please bring in a named see-through plastic water bottle daily (not metal).

In addition, please bring in a pair of named wellies which can be left in school, as this means we can make full use of our school field and forest area, even when the weather is a bit wet.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 4 teachers