**Year 4 Newsletter Autumn 2020**

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| **RE**  This term we will be studying the five topics- People, Called, Gifts, Community and Giving and Receiving. Our first topic is ‘People’ – where we will look at the joy of ‘Family’ and the importance of family for growth and development. We will also have daily Collective worship in class or school chapel, where we will reflect and pray. | | | |
| English The children will be working hard to improve their grammar and punctuation; as well as their style of writing through a variety of different genres. They will be writing about the world we live in, writing newspaper reports and creating their own poems.  **Spellings** will be taught in school then sent home to learn – spelling test will be on a Wednesday. Please help your child to learn both the spelling and meaning of each word.  **Guided and individual reading** will continue. Reading at home is very important in Year 4. Please listen to your child read **every day**. Please make comments in your child’s reading record. | Maths Children will be building on their knowledge of mental and written methods of multiplication and division along with fractions and decimal numbers. They will also develop their understanding of finding and calculating the area of different shapes.  Please help your child to learn their times table and division facts. These are to maths as reading is to English! By now they should know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 times tables. We will continue to work on these in class as well as 7 and 8 times table facts.  Homework will continue to be on Google Classroom in the form of a worksheet. | | PE PE will take place on a Friday afternoon and Thursday morning. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school. This should be a plain white T-shirt, black/blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers. This term the children will be exploring Tag-rugby and dancing. |
| ComputingThis term, in computing, our topic is ‘We are Toy Designers’. In this unit, the children work together to design a simple toy that incorporates sensors and outputs and then create an on-screen prototype of their toy in Scratch. They will also be working on essential computer skills in Word and Power point. |
| **NOTICES**  In order to avoid lost property in Y4, please can you label all of your child’s clothes with their name and year group? | Science This term, children are finding out about electricity. They will be finding out about electrical safety and constructing simple circuits. Our second topic is States of matter. During this children will investigate solids, liquids and gases along with the water cycle. | | |
| **Homework**  Homework books have been sent out for children to complete their homework in.  Please ensure these books are kept safe.  Homework will be posted on the Google Classroom each Friday to be completed by the following Friday.  It will include:   * Spellings to learn for a test in school the following Wednesday. * A set of maths questions. * A set of grammar and punctuation questions.   Our homework will concentrate on building confidence and extending ability across key curriculum areas. Please ensure your child completes this to a good standard and that it is neatly presented. | | **Year 4 staff**  Mr. Robbins : Year 1/2 MR        **Mr Robbins Mrs White**  If you have any questions or need support with something, please email or phone the school and we will be happy to help. | |