

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Newsletter 2021 – Year 4

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after our half term break! Our topic this half term will continue with the theme of 'Electricity'! I have attached the topic web so that you can see how this topic fits in with our other subject areas.

Although we are due to continue in lockdown until 8<sup>th</sup> March, I am writing to explain the classroom intentions for our return to school.

In English this half term we shall be developing our reading group sessions. In these sessions the children will be working on their reading, comprehension skills and discussing the text they are reading with the group; each group has set targets to work from. The children will also have the opportunity to read a book from the class library throughout the week. We will also be continuing with our daily multiplication practice so that all children are as prepared as possible for the multiplication check in the summer term. Although the multiplication check will **NOT** be compulsory, I would like the children to take the check if it is offered to us, in order to ascertain the children's progress over the year, and what I can do better to prepare children in the future.

On returning to school, our PE sessions remain as before on Mondays and Thursdays. Please be aware that children will need an indoor and outdoor PE kit including a PE jumper and tracksuit bottoms as they will be going outside as often as possible.

Homework and spellings will continue as normal with homework set on a Friday and returned by the following Wednesday. Spellings and any maths tests will be tested on Thursdays and new words sent home on a Monday.

As the weather begins to improve, it becomes more essential that the children bring water bottles into school to use throughout the day. Please make sure your child has a named water bottle with a spill proof cap, this will hopefully help to keep the children hydrated throughout the day. As before, your child will not be allowed to leave the classroom for drinks during lessons as this disrupts their work and the work of others.

Please can you check that your child has all the relevant equipment in their pencil cases for their return to school. The children need: a handwriting pen, HB pencils and coloured pencils, a rubber, a sharpener, a glue stick, a pair of scissors, a 30cm ruler and it also helps if they have their own whiteboard pen as well. Many thanks!

In the meantime, I shall continue as before with our online learning program. The lessons delivered are as close to the lessons that the children would be learning in school, with alterations where necessary, particularly where practical sessions cannot take place. Please find the new half term's spelling list available on the Class 4 Google Classroom page for your convenience.

I shall also be changing the catch-up sessions slightly, offering a time on Thursdays and Fridays from 4.00pm – 4.30pm. Anyone can join these sessions on any day, giving families more flexibility and allowing larger groups of children to see each other. I hope that this proves more successful. I shall continue to go into school on Wednesdays to support the key worker children and so our lovely teaching assistants shall be on hand to help you with your work and mark it on these days.

Please feel free to email me at [butcher@westonturville.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:butcher@westonturville.bucks.sch.uk) or contact me via Google Classroom if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you all soon, hopefully within the school setting!

Best wishes,

Miss L. Butcher

**Maths**  
Place value, addition  
and subtraction;  
Multiplication and  
division; Decimals;

**Science**  
Electricity and Circuits

**Computing**  
Programming Turtle

**Personal Development**  
Financial Capability

**English**  
Narrative: Stories  
From Other Cultures  
Narrative Poetry

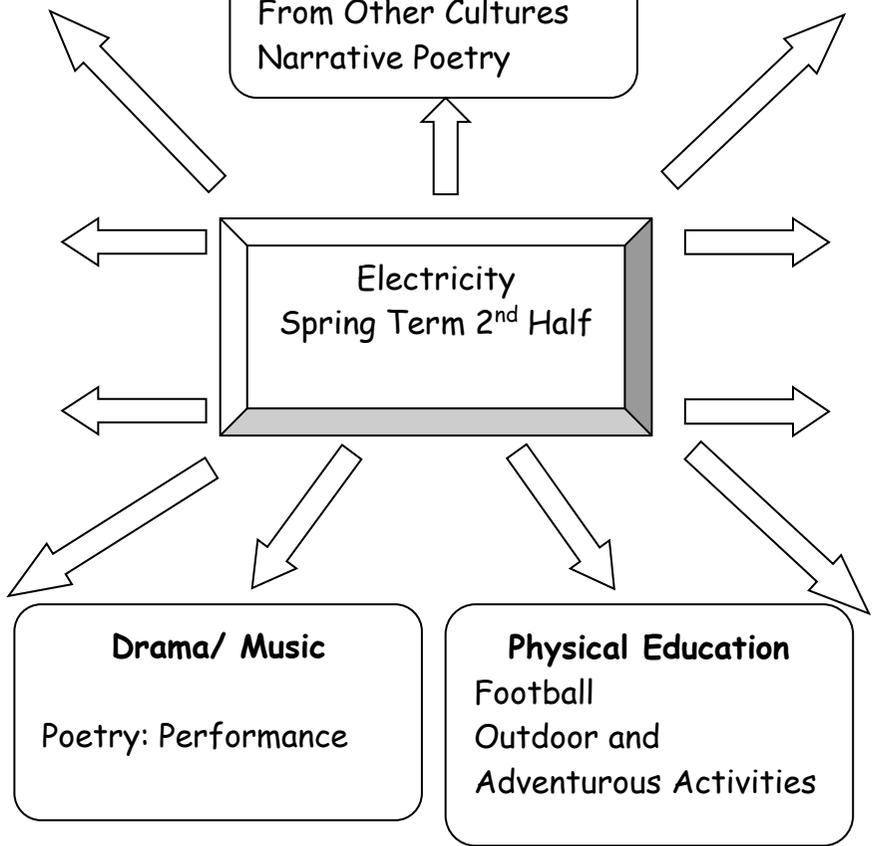
**French**  
Dates and birthdays  
Personal  
Descriptions

**DT**  
Electronics and  
Electricals

**Religious Education**  
Rites of Passage:  
Should Believers Give  
Things Up?

**Geography**  
UK and the wider  
world: 8-point compass  
points and grid  
references

**Electricity**  
Spring Term 2<sup>nd</sup> Half



**Drama/ Music**  
Poetry: Performance

**Physical Education**  
Football  
Outdoor and  
Adventurous Activities