Y4 Spring 2 Half Termly Overview for Parents and Carers

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This half term we will be learning the following things. Here are also some useful hints and tips for helping at home.

	At School	At Home
English	 ♦ Write a diary recount to inform and entertain ♦ Explore the use of apostrophes in contractions and for possession ♦ Write a set of instructions to inform ♦ Use conjunctions to link subordinate clauses to main clauses ♦ Our class text for reading lessons will be 'Varjak Paw' by S.F. Said 	 Encourage your child to read at least four times a week. Read with your child to promote a love of reading. Our class novel will be "Queen of Darkness" by Tony Bradman
Maths	 Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 Using known facts to multiply and divide Using partitioning to multiply and divide Calculating the perimeters of rectangles Learning our 9 and 7 times tables 	 Practise any times tables your child is not confident with. Using TT Rockstars for 3 minutes each day can make a huge difference—little and often.
Science	 In Science, pupils will continue to investigate the topic 'Sound'. ◆ Sound energy / vibrations travel from a source through a medium (solids, liquids, gases) to the ear ◆ Volume of sound is linked to the strength of the vibrations that produce it ◆ Pitch of a sound is linked to the frequency of the vibrations that produce it. 	 Can pupils identify common solids, liquids and gases around the home? Discuss the dangers of electricity.
History	In History, pupils will continue to answer the question "What motivated the Romans to invade Britain?". Investigate who Boudica was and how she rebelled against the Romans What did the Romans build after they settled in Britain? What can archaeological sites tell us about Roman Britain?	Discuss how the Ancient Greeks and the Romans are the same and
D.T.	In D.T., Y4 will be: ◆ Creating a functioning torch with a switch according to their design criteria ◆ Evaluating their product	 Talk together about changes they made to their original plan and why. Discuss how their torch works.
Music	Y4 will use use the song "Lean On Me", and other gospel-based songs to continue to develop the skills of listening, appraising, singing, composing, performing (using glockenspiels) and sharing.	Talk about the difference between pulse, rhythm and pitch.

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P.S.H.E.	In PSHE, on a Tuesday, Y4 will continue their Friendship Group sessions with Aimee from The Junction.	Help your child complete their homework task set by Aimee for the week. See Class Dojos every Tuesday.
R.E.	Year 4 will explore the question "Why are festivals important to religious communities?" They will learn about Easter Sunday, Divali and Ramadan, as well as making connections between stories, symbols and beliefs.	 Can they answer the question? Ask your child to talk about special and sacred times in your lives and how they are celebrated.
P.E.	In P.E., pupils will be focusing on cricket and tennis ◆ participate in a range of fun, active, engaging lessons concentrating on a specific skill each lesson ◆ develop the fundamental skills from each lesson	◆ Encourage your child to take part in daily physical exercise.
Computing	Y4's next computing topic is Data and Information and Data Logging. Pupils will: ◆ consider how and why data is collected over time ◆ collect data as well as access data collected over long periods of time ◆ review and analyse data	Use the Purple Mash website at home to consolidate learning in class and practice computing skills.
Latin	The children will continue to learn Latin once a week. The children will continue to develop their knowledge of spelling and vocabulary through learning Latin roots of English words and deepen their understanding of grammar.	Discuss any vocabulary your child has learnt.
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