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May I take this opportunity to welcome all of the children into Year Four. We have already had a fantastic first week and I am excited to see what great things the year holds. In Year Four we have myself, Miss Craven, assisted by Miss Pope and Mrs Mitchell. On a Tuesday Morning, Miss Treadwell will teach Arithmetic and SPaG sessions We all work extremely hard in helping your child achieve their full potential and are very grateful for the fantastic support we receive from the parents at BGL. We are a friendly team and encourage you to call in any night after school to discuss any concerns or worries you may have about your child. We have already had a great start to the year and I am very much looking forward to see lots of great achievements this year.

Miss Craven

English and Maths

We have begun our English this year with a focus on stories with a fantasy setting and are already getting stuck into our first class book. Throughout each week in English, the children will receive a focused session on grammar, punctuation or spelling and usually an opportunity to write a more extended piece of independent writing. Throughout the year we will cover a range of texts and genres whilst developing the children's writing ability. We will also have several guided reading activity sessions in small groups. The children will have opportunities to read in class each day and this, alongside their home reading should be recorded in their reading records.

In Maths, we are starting a new scheme at BGL called 'Maths No Problem' which will slightly alter the way we deliver our maths lessons with a large focus on reasoning and problem solving. Initially, we will be covering place value and we will continue to work on our arithmetic, number and shape skills.

Homework

The children will continue to receive weekly homework that will be set on a **Friday** and should be returned to school on a **Wednesday**. For Maths, there will be an activity to consolidate work we have done in class or to practise individual or class target areas along with times tables practise.

The English work will usually be in the form of spellings to learn and practise, as well as at times, grammar & punctuation activities. **Spelling tests and times table tests will be on a Wednesday morning.** Regular reading should also continue at home and this should be recorded in the reading record. A signature must be in your reading record before we change books in school. We will always be happy to support the children with any homework they are finding difficult, if they bring it in before 'handing-in' day.

There is also a topic based homework which will be sent home on a topic mat. This will include a range of activities linked to our current topic. This will allow the children to hopefully pick something that interests them, allowing them to get the most out of the task. It would be great if the children picked one task to complete each week.

Extras

PE will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday (please help make sure children have correct kit on those days).

Please update school medical records with any changes (particularly the use of inhalers).

Year 4 will be going swimming after Christmas break—more information will follow closer to the time.

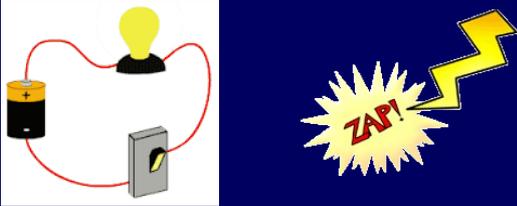
School Library visits will be on a Monday.

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The Curriculum

Our Topics

Sparks May Fly!



Science: Electricity,
Design and Technology, Music



Geography: map skills, location of countries, human and physical geography, enquiry skills
Design and Technology, Music

The Art of Food!



Science: Digestive system, teeth
Art, Coding

The Great Plague



History: events, people and changes, enquiry and use of historical sources
Geography, Art, Coding

Water, Water Everywhere



Geography, History

Hunted



Science: Habitats, predator/prey relationships, sort/group/compare/classify
Design and Technology, Coding