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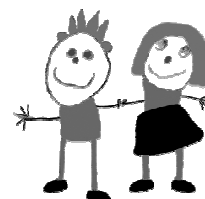
Dear Parents and Carers,

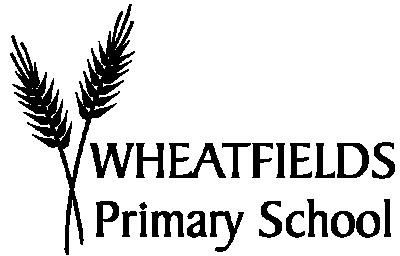
We hope that, by now, your child is nicely settled into their new Year 4 class. It's good to see how well everyone is getting along and how hard they are working!

Here is a general outline of what your child will be studying in Year 4 during the Autumn term. We hope it will be of interest to you and if there is anything you are not sure of or would like clarified further, please don't hesitate to come and see us.

**Outlines of topics to be covered this term**

Literacy	Poetry including humorous and descriptive poems; recount writing and newspaper articles; explanation writing; fantasy stories linked to the novel Muddle Earth by Paul Stewart.
Numeracy	Addition and subtraction; shape; data handling; multiplication and division; fractions and decimals. If you are not sure of how we do any calculations please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Some of our methods are different from your school days!
Science	Forces including magnets and springs; friction, gravity and air resistance; electricity.
I.C.T.	Control and simple programming; To paint a picture
Geography and History	The location and history of Bridge Street including looking at street and OS maps and primary sources.
Art	Pencil Drawing
D. & T.	Electrical circuits
Music	Ocarinas
PSHE	New beginnings; Managing risk
R.E.	Festivals and Harvest Festival; Islam and Sikhism
P.E.	Rolls and jumps; country dancing
Games	Netball





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- **Spellings are set Friday and tested the following Wednesday.**
- **Homework is set Friday and due in the following Thursday.**
- **Weekly Diaries are brought home on Friday and need to be signed and returned by the following Thursday.**

We recommend that the learning of spellings and times tables is an ongoing process throughout the week and that the children read regularly at home. Children are now expected to know all tables to 10X10 by the end of Year 4. We've found it's best to look at homework the day it is given so any problems can be discussed with the teacher before it is due in.

We do appreciate your support in ensuring your child has an appropriate change of clothing and footwear for P.E. and Games. We would like to remind you that jewellery will need to be removed for these lessons. We recommend that if possible children leave jewellery at home on P.E./Games days. Those children unable to remove an item of jewellery will have it taped for safety reasons.

Days for PE/Games are as follows:

**Wednesday - P.E.**  
**Thursday - Games**

We always welcome help from parents so if you would like to get involved please speak to one of the team.

We hope this letter has been both useful and informative! We're looking forward to meeting you all in the near future.

With best wishes from the Year 4 team.

Yours sincerely

Miss K. Rice, Mrs. C. Probert and Mrs. S. Guest

