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What a fantastic first week back we've had in Year 4!

This week, we started our new Geography topic 'Sustainability'. The children have enjoyed learning further about sustainability and how we can look after our planet. They have lots of knowledge from our trip to Minstead last half term, and have enjoyed building further on this. Year 4 have started to understand the impact we have on our planet, and are beginning to research how we can protect it as best as possible.

Main topics and learning this term:



Sustainability

Electricity



We are investigating recycling this half term and the children are exploring the reasons behind why it is essential that we recycle. We will also focus on methods of recycling. During our residential the children enjoyed a huge range of practical sessions full of fascinating information about recycling and how fragile the earth is. This information has been brought back to school to be shared with the wider school community. Year 4 will also be investigating facts and figures associated with recycling in the UK before proposing actions we can take to conserve the Environment.



Our Science topic this term is Electricity. We will be investigating different types of electricity and how items run on mains power or battery power. We are also carrying out investigations on electrical circuits and will be building our own different types of circuits to see how these can change. We will then learn to identify the different symbols used in electrical circuits.

Our Writing topic this half term will cover both non-fiction and fiction. We will be starting with non-chronological reports as part of our non-fiction topic, and the children will be writing informative brochures about different countries in Europe. We will research different countries and then present our findings in our non-chronological report. After that, we will move on to fiction and develop our endings of stories. We will base our endings on a brand new book 'Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City'.

In Maths we have introduced Fractions as our new topic. The children have already identified the whole of a shape and can identify the parts that a shape has been cut into. They also know that the number of equal parts it has been divided into is the denominator and that each part is the numerator. We are going to move on to adding fractions and representing the product as improper and mixed fractions.

How you can support your child's learning at home:

- Reading remains fundamental to your child's further learning so please listen to your child on a regular basis in order to develop their vocabulary and inform their writing.
- Constant revision of multiplication and division facts, Times Tables Rock Stars are useful sites. Our Multiplication Tables Check is coming up in June! Please continue to make this a priority for home learning.



Homework:

Please continue with the project sheets in your child's homework book based around electricity and sustainability.

Spellings and Times Tables will be tested on a Friday. The results will be recorded in their home link books so that they can continue to practise any of which they were unsure. **The children will be completing the national Multiplication Times Table Check in June so they will need to have a good knowledge of them all.**

A few reminders:

- PE will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays this term. Please ensure your child comes in wearing their PE kit on these days.
- Our School Library time is on a Friday afternoon.