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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term, hoping you have had a lovely Easter break.

This is the general timetable of who is teaching and when. The Year 3 children remain in the classroom for their English and Maths while the Yr 4 children continue to be taught English by Ms Oliver and Maths by Mr Sargeant in the mornings, with the afternoons spent as a whole class.

	Before play	After play	After lunch 1	After lunch 2
Monday	Mrs Arnold	Mrs Arnold	Mrs Arnold	
Tuesday	Mrs Arnold	Mrs Arnold	Mrs Griffiths	Mr Miners
Wednesday	Mrs Arnold	Mrs Arnold	Mrs Arnold	
Thursday	Mrs Arnold	Mrs Arnold	Mrs Griffiths	
Friday	Mrs Arnold	Mrs Arnold	Mrs Griffiths	

As you can see it is a bit of a jigsaw, but the children are all coping with it very well.

English: The class will still be split for English, with the Year 4's continuing to be taught by Ms Oliver. The Year 3's remain in the class and each year group will be given homework by the respective teachers.

*Year 3 will have **weekly spellings and homework**, running Monday to Monday.*

In addition, each child still needs to be **reading several times a week to an adult at home**, who then signs their Reading Diary to confirm this. They will also be heard in a group as part of the Guided Reading system, approximately once per fortnight. They need to have their book-bag, containing their reading book, their reading diary and their homework diary in school **every day** please.

Maths: Mr Sargeant continues to teach the Year 4's in the mornings and both groups are progressing through the Rising Stars maths scheme. Each child has their own **times tables** that they are working on and in addition, they will have either **My Maths** homework or a game to play. Please continue to support your child with their homework, including the times tables which are the foundations of much of our maths.

Yr 3 homework will be set on a Friday, to be completed by the following Friday.

The Class topic this term is **Extreme Environments**. We will be studying how settlements differ and change depending on the weather and geographical features. We will be exploring a range of environments and hope to include a trip to a local site to experience these aspects of the topic.

Art: Colour mixing with water colour paints and deciphering some symbolism used in famous art works.

Science: We will cover 2 aspects this term with a biology theme, looking at the different foods that animals eat. We will then be learning about the different food types that form a healthy diet for humans, including how humans digest their food. Finally, we will look at the human skeletal and muscular system.

Music and Drama: As is expected at this time of year, we will be rehearsing for our School Production at the end of the term.

RE: In RE we will be exploring the question 'When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?'

PE: We are continuing to make use of the Saints South West coach, who will be working on **Orienteering** skills during the first half term, followed by **Athletics**. On Friday afternoon, they will have **Net and Wall**, followed by **Fielding and Striking**. Your child will need blue shorts, yellow t-shirt and trainers for these outdoor sessions, but also long trousers and a raincoat for our unpredictable weather.

French: We will continue our work on naming places and features around the village.

ICT: Mrs Arnold will be starting **Logo** with the Year 3's, which is about basic computer programming, while Mr Sargeant will continue teaching the Year 4's programming but this time with a 'Scratch'.

We are always delighted to see what the children have been doing at home to assist their school learning, so if you are able take them to the library, or support their curiosity in any way, we would like to see the outcomes.

If you would be able and willing to come and help in any way with the class, whether it be hearing children read, helping with maths or working in more creative activities, please see one of us.

Rachel Arnold

Amber Griffiths