

Moss Bury Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents,

Year 4 – Cedar Class

Another term is underway and we wanted to take this opportunity to share some information with you.

Information about the curriculum

This half term in Science, we are learning about 'teeth and digestion'. This includes how to look after your teeth and how your body works when digesting food. We have already started some discussions on this and the children have found it both informative and amusing! Next half term, we will be looking at 'living things and their habitats' and 'how living things can be classified'.

In Geography, we will be learning about 'Mountains, rivers and the water cycle'. To help the children with their understanding of this, we will be creating mini landscapes using natural materials. To do this, it would be helpful if we had a few more items, which you may find in your garden or a nearby park, such as:

* Gravel * Sand * Soil * Peat * Pebbles/stones * Rocks * Small twigs/leaves

If you have any of the above, please could you send them into school with your child. We only need small amounts, and would be most grateful for any contributions.

In History, we will be learning about the Victorians through local history and a comparison between the situation of Victorian children and children of today. While in computing, we will continue to work through our units on Purple Mash, starting with coding.

Swimming

Our class will be attending swimming lessons on a Monday. They must have their full kit with them, ensuring that there are no shorts that sit below the knee and that hair is tied up. The lessons finish at 3:00pm and we usually get back to school at around 3:30pm.

Contact

As previously stated, a strong relationship between teacher and parents/carers is an extremely important part of ensuring children's success. As such, our doors are always open and we are always happy to communicate with you. The best way to contact us is either through email – callumn@mossbury.herts.sch.uk - or on the phone through the school office. We will always endeavour to return emails and phone calls as soon as possible. If you would like to speak in person, please make an appointment through the office to see us after school.

Work at home

Reading should be a daily event for your child and should last at least half an hour. We are passionate about reading and truly believe that children who do not enjoy it have simply not yet found the right book. We will work hard to engage your child in reading and, if you can echo this message at home, we hope that their skills will develop quickly. It is becoming increasingly obvious that some children are not completing their reading.

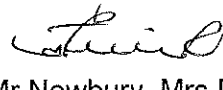
On top of reading at home, your child will have weekly homework. This will be set on a Friday to be handed in the following Thursday. We will usually mark this using the Moss Bury system of 1-5 based on the effort made by your child, with 5 being awarded to children who have gone above and beyond the expectation.

Uniform

Arriving in school in the correct uniform is an important part of your child's development in Key Stage Two. Our most common issue at Moss Bury is with footwear. Please ensure that your child has black plimsolls (that fit and are not falling apart!) in school, as well as black school shoes to be worn outside. Trainers can be brought in to change into during the winter months and, of course, during P.E.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Newbury, Mrs Davies & Mrs Tomlinson
Cedar Class Teachers