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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. We hope that you and your families had a very relaxing, restful Easter break. We know how excited the class will be, looking forward to our much anticipated **Residential trip to the Wye Valley on Wed 19th – Fri 21st April**. Do please visit [Year 4 | Christ Church C of E School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](http://Year 4 | Christ Church C of E School (secure-primariesite.net)) for regular updates.

Topics

We have a wonderful term ahead of us. Our history topic is **Cheltenham Spa - How did the discovery of spa water influence the development of our town?** Our next Science topic is **Living Things and their Habitats**. Knowledge organisers will be sent home detailing some important information about these units along with some key vocabulary. Please ensure these are kept somewhere prominent at home so that children can refer to them regularly. Our school value for this half term is: **Compassion**

Swimming

This term, Year 4 are lucky enough to take part in swimming lessons on Mondays. Information has already been sent out on this.

Homework

Spellings - Please continue to practise the spellings that are sent home on a Monday in readiness for Friday's spelling quiz.

Reading – Children all have their own **Oxford Reading Buddy log in** recorded in their reading diary. They are enjoying reading these online books and completing the quizzes which then tracks their comprehension skills. Please do continue to hear them read aloud and encourage them to answer questions independently, which will help refine their retrieval skills.

Whether it is these online books or a paper book you are sharing, your child is expected to read at least 4 times per week as part of their homework. Please record when they have read in their reading diaries.

Times Tables – A reminder that your child will be sitting the **online Year 4 Multiplication Check this term**. Do please do as much practice as possible at home to boost their confidence levels and assist their fast recall of these facts. As mentioned at parents' evenings, this website provides a very close simulation to the test. [MTC Test - URBrainy](#)

It will provide you with a good insight into your child's ability when answering the 6 second questions. It also provides a score and highlights the questions/ times tables facts they need to consolidate.

Children are still expected to complete 4 sessions of Times Tables Rockstars each week, outside of school hours. If children are not completing their homework regularly, they will be asked to make up the sessions that they have missed. This is to support them with their times tables recall and confidence ahead of the Year 4 Multiplication Check as discussed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Best wishes,

Mrs Parker and Mrs Burton