



BISHOPSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Year 4 Autumn 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Electricity: Why is electricity so important?

In our second topic the children will explore the different uses of electricity in everyday life and investigate which electrical items are mains or battery powered. We will learn about electrical circuits within torches, and make our own. After discovering different sources of electricity, we will spend time trying different combinations of electrical components to explore the effects the changes would cause. We will experience a 'no electricity day' to explore the impact that electricity has on our daily lives. We will also have our Lower School Christmas performance called 'Bethlehem Bake-Off', with the children working hard rehearsing their lines and singing.

Uniform

It has been pleasing to see so many of Year 4 coming back from half term, looking smart in their school uniform. Please ensure that any new items of clothing or footwear follow the uniform policy. As the weather begins to change, please ensure that your child comes to school with a suitable coat. Please make sure that uniform, bags, coats, shoes and lunch boxes are clearly labelled to avoid a build-up of lost items! Please do continue to ensure that the children bring in, and take their water bottles home at the end of each day.

PE

Our P.E day continues to be on a Tuesday. Trainers, tracksuit bottoms or leggings and school jumpers should be worn on these days due to the colder weather. P.E this term will be multi skills and hockey.

Reading diaries

All children were given reading diaries at the beginning of term. These diaries are for recording the reading your child does at home as well as for communication. Children should have their diaries in school every day.

On Fridays, we will be checking that the children have read at least 3 times and that an adult has signed the diary. Each week we add up the amount of children in each class that has read 3 times or more to create a reading percentage. The class with the highest percentages over the half term will win a non-uniform day. In addition to this, there is a weekly raffle for children who have read more than 3 times in a week.

Hopefully, by us all working together and placing a renewed importance on reading at home, we can get up to our goal of 100% of children reading at home every week.

Homework

In addition to weekly reading and spellings (tested on a Friday), your child will have a homework grid for this term. Children will be able to choose **one activity from the grid each week** to complete as homework, which should be handed in on a Monday. As well as this, the children should be accessing Time Tables Rock Stars weekly.

Thank you for your support; please feel free to approach any of us regarding any queries.

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At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.

Year 4	Autumn 2 – Why is Electricity so Important?
Subject	Areas Covered
Learning Enrichment	Christmas play (rehearsal and performance skills) No Electricity Day
English	<p>Writing The Iron Man – Narrative Reindeer - Non-chronological report</p> <p>Guided Reading (comprehension question and retrieval) The Iron Man The Winters Child Night Before Christmas The Wild Robot Reindeer Text Play – practise lines Runaway Robot Poetry</p> <p>Spellings Superhero Spellings 3/4 Y3/4 Common Exception Words</p>
Mathematics	<p>Multiplication and division Fractions and decimals Shape Compare & classify angles Symmetry</p> <p>For all these topics the children will be given lots of opportunities to problem solve and reason.</p>
Art	<p>Sketching Artist study of Terry Collier Line and pattern making Shading Sketching robots</p> <p>Christmas art</p>
Music	<p>Singing Rehearsal and performance skills</p>
Science	<p>Why is electricity so important? What uses mains or battery electricity? Investigating simple circuits – what do they need to work, conductors and insulators, how to make a bulb brighter Drawing circuit diagrams</p>
Physical Education	<p>Hockey Agility, balance and coordination Catching and throwing Attacking and defending Playing in small matches</p>
PSHE	My Happy Mind
Languages	Spanish - Presenting Myself
DT	<p>Lanterns Evaluating lanterns Experimenting with joining techniques Designing a lantern Making and evaluating their lanterns</p>

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