**Summer 1 YEAR 4**

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***Explorers and Adventurers***

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Over the next 7 weeks, Year 4 will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses on ‘Discovering the World ’. This unit of work is part of the International Primary Curriculum. This new curriculum sets out very clearly what children will learn – the learning goals – in three different areas:

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1. The subjects of the curriculum. The learning goals for each of these subjects are at least as challenging as anything taught in the curriculum in your child’s own country. In many cases, the learning goals are more challenging.

2. Personal development – the characteristics which will help children become more responsible, independent learners.

3. International understanding – which will help children develop both a sense of the independence of their own country and culture and the interdependence between countries and cultures.

Each unit of work is based around specific targets derived from the learning goals for one or more of the subjects.

**During this unit we will be focusing on Geography, History, Art, Society, Science and International**

**In Geography, we’ll be ﬁnding out:**

* How to use geographical terms
  + How to use different types of world maps
  + How to look for geographical information

**In History, we’ll be ﬁnding out:**

* About explorers and adventurers in the past
* How to gather information from maps, pictures and books
* How to answer simple questions about exploration
* How explorers told the time and navigated at sea

**In Art, we’ll be ﬁnding out:**

* About the artwork of explorer-artists
* How to draw plants and animals with accuracy
* How to draw an imaginary plant or animal

**In Society, we’ll be ﬁnding out:**

* If we think exploration is a good thing
* About conﬂict and exploration in the past
* About female explorers in the past and today

All of the work we are going to do has been specially written to help your child reach the learning goals. Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work, perhaps to you.

We already know the interest you take in your child’s work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you.

Talk with your child about famous explorers, particularly those from your host or home country. You could help your child to develop knowledge of the topic through books and the internet.

If your child has some work to research, please help them, but without actually doing the work. If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of this theme please take it, but your enthusiasm and interest is most important.

By the end of the unit, we hope your child has achieved all of the learning targets. We hope they have had an enjoyable time in the classroom. And we hope you have enjoyed seeing your child work with enthusiasm. If you have any comments about the work your child has done, please get in touch.

Kind Regards

Year 4 Team

**In Science, we’ll be ﬁnding out:**

* + About shadows and the sun
  + About magnetism and which metals are magnetic
  + How to make a compass
  + How sounds are made

**In International, we’ll be ﬁnding out:**

* + How exploration has changed the world
  + Who owns the Moon and planets in space



