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Dear Parents of children in Somer Class,

Welcome to Somer Class! I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful holiday.

If you haven't already started following our class Twitter page, then please do @somerclass. This will be a good way of sharing successes with you, as well as reminders.

The year 4 Curriculum

Our main topic focus this term is Europe, during which children will be covering aspects of Geography, Art and Design Technology.

Below is an overview of the other units we will cover during the term.

English

Myths & Legends, Poetry, Non-Chronological reports (non-fiction), Wishing Tales and Instructional texts (non-fiction,)

Maths

We will be working on the following National Curriculum strands; Number & Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication & Division, Fractions, Measurement, Geometry & Statistics.

Science

Our Science units this term will be Teeth & healthy eating and Rocks and soils.

Religious Education

The children will be looking at Buddhism & Christmas in RE.

ICT

E-Safety, Computing and algorithms.

MFL

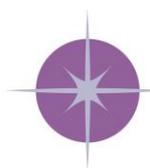
This year the children will be learning French, taught by Mr Gill.

Music

Mrs Thompson (Somerset Music) will be teaching 'Samba' music every Monday which enables children to develop vocal skills, as well as trying out different percussion instruments to perform as a group. There will be opportunities for performance later in the year.

Swimming

This term, Year 4 will be swimming every Friday afternoon. You should have received a letter by now, so please see the School Office if your child has not brought one home. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school on Fridays, as well as a coat as we will be walking to Taunton swimming pool. ***If you are available to walk with us to and from swimming, please come and see me. Your support will be very much appreciated.***



BATH & WELLS
Multi Academy Trust

'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Physical Education Our other PE lesson will take place on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon. Please help your child ensure that they have their PE in school every day so that we can be flexible when the weather turns wet. We will be focusing on games this term, including netball

PSHE

This term's topics are; New Beginnings & Getting on and falling out (including a focus on anti-bullying.)

The Archie Project

This year, as part of our PSHE work, we will be taking part in the Archie Project, a unique intergenerational dementia awareness project which is aimed at helping young people become more empathetic and less stereotypical of the older generation, and in particular those that may suffer with dementia. This is a really exciting opportunity for the children to raise awareness within St. Andrew's Church School as well as create new links within the local community. Each child will have a project book that we will work on in class, and there will be visits to Kilkenny House which will enable us to put some of our understanding into practise. For more information visit <http://www.reminiscencelearning.co.uk/archie>

Homework

One homework task, usually linked with our topic areas, will be issued every Wednesday and due in the following Wednesday. This homework is in addition to reading at home (at least 3 times per week) and weekly spelling practise. Study club is available to Year 4 pupils, so please see Mrs Doherty for a letter if you feel this would support your child to complete their weekly homework.

Spelling

Spellings will be given out each Wednesday and will need to be learnt for a test the following Wednesday. Spellings will be issued every week, apart from the penultimate week, where a list of all spellings covered over the half term will be given to allow children to practise for the end of half term test. A 'gold' certificate is awarded to anyone who scores 75% or more in the end of half term test.

Reading books

We aim to read with the children as much as possible in school, during Literacy lessons, guided reading times and on an individual basis. Children are expected to have their reading book and record book in school every day and in Year 4 are given the responsibility of changing their own reading books, to facilitate their independence.

Any questions please come and ask!

Miss Maria Sadler
Year 4 Class Teacher

Diary dates:

Tues 18 th September	Introduction to The Archie project session (in class.)
Weds 19 th September	Somer Class school Council Elections for those who are interested.
Tues 2 nd October	Dementia awareness session with Fiona from The Archie project (in class.)
Tues 16 th October	Somer Class visit to meet the residents at Kilkenny House (1:30-3pm.)