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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! The children have returned to school ready to learn which is fabulous for this busy term. We have lots of exciting things planned.

Subject	Overview
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biography • Setting description • Character description • Persuasive writing
Maths	<p>Year 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fractions (including decimals) part 2 • Measurement part 3 – time • Geometry – properties of shape part 2 • Statistics <p>Year 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fractions (including decimals and percentages) part 2 • Measurement part 3 • Geometry – properties of shapes • Statistics • Consolidation
Science	<p>Year 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity – identifying objects that use electricity; make simple circuits; recognise common conductors and insulators; explore switches, conductors and insulators. <p>Year 5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living things and their habitats – describing the differences in life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds; the process of reproduction in some plants and animals • Animals including humans – describe the changes as humans develop to old age (sex education).
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Roman Empire
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equatorial Studies (climate zones comparisons)
Art	<p>Journeys</p> <p>Art - Investigate how artists in history have been inspired by water including Monet, Hockney, Turner and Hokusai. Produce a range of mixed media work in response to our research.</p> <p>DT – Structures – Frame structures/ Bridges</p>
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do Christians have a duty to God and his creations? (Christianity)
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jazz (20th Century) • Rock 'n' Pop
ICT	<p>Year 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animation – Creating 'stop motion' animations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making music – Compose a piece of music using digital software
	Year 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3D Modeling – understanding the real-world applications and different stages of 3D computer design • Writing and Presenting – Choosing appropriate fonts, styles and layouts for different text types
PE	Athletics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities around athletic performance – running, jumping and throwing

Homework

Children are set weekly spelling homework on Spelling shed which is due every Monday; they will then receive a spelling test in school on the same day. Alongside this we also set weekly times table homework on TTRS. Children are required to complete at least 15 minutes a week. We also ask that your child reads daily at home and, where possible, aloud to an adult.

Water Bottles

Children are kindly requested to bring a bottle containing water which they will have access to throughout the day. We ask that it is water, rather than squash, because squash can be very sticky when spilt. Having water readily available also helps to support our Healthy Schools initiative. However, the children may have a separate drink of squash or similar (no fizzy drinks please) in their lunchbox. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Summer Weather

With the onset of the warmer weather, please apply suncream before your child comes to school and ensure they bring a named sun hat each day. If you wish to send sun cream in to school for your child to apply later in the day, please note that children must be able to do this themselves. Please ensure that suncream is also clearly named.

Specialist Teachers

We are fortunate enough to have many specialist teachers across the school. In Year4/5, the children will continue to have Drama, Dance and Music on a Friday afternoon. These sessions will be taught by Carrie, Claire and Miss Rowden. On Tuesday afternoons, Madame Bastable will teach French language. We are also lucky enough to have Mrs Lockhart, who will be teaching art to the children on alternate weeks. The children are continuing to learn to play the steel pans with Mary on Tuesday afternoons.

Outdoor Education

Outdoor education will continue to take place on Friday mornings. We will try our best to inform your child the day before if they have outdoor education that week. If in doubt, please send your child with their outdoor clothes just in case.

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for outdoor learning. This should include wellies/shoes that can get muddy, tracksuit bottoms or leggings, warm socks, a warm jumper, a waterproof jacket and gloves and a hat when necessary.

Uniform

Thank you for returning your child to school looking so presentable. The smart appearance of our children is often noted by the public. It is school policy that children should tie their hair up if it is long enough due to health and safety requirements. We also request that children do not have any unnatural colours or extreme styles, i.e. no stripes or shapes cut into their hair. Makeup is also not permitted in school; we ask for your support in reinforcing this with your child.

PE

The children will have PE every other Wednesday, as well as a weekly dance lesson with Claire. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school all week to allow for any timetable changes. Within their PE kit, the children should have shorts, a white t-shirt and plimsolls for indoor PE and tracksuit bottoms, a sweatshirt and trainers for outdoor PE. They should also have a change of socks. This is especially important for girls who will need to change out of tights for PE. Can we please also ask that, for safety reasons, any earrings/studs are removed for all PE activities as soon as is possible after any initial piercing. Only during the 'healing' period will children be allowed to wear tape to cover these.

RSE

At Theale Primary, we take pride in nurturing the whole child: academically, spiritually, morally and emotionally. We are aware of the modern world our pupils live in and want to ensure they are fully prepared for growing up during their time with us and beyond. As part of this development, we have a responsibility to provide a comprehensive Relationship Education and Health Education for all pupils. In line with our RSE policy and government guidance this term children in Year 4 will be learning about puberty and children in Year 5 will be learning about the human reproductive cycle. Sessions will be delivered in a sensitive and age-appropriate way with staff who are known to the children and trusted by them.

Within these sessions we will cover:

Year 4 (Puberty):

- What is puberty
- When puberty happens
- Changes which may happen during puberty
- How the male body develops during puberty
- How the female body develops during puberty
- The menstrual cycle.

Year 5 (Human Reproductive Cycle)

- Conception
- Pregnancy

I hope this information will be useful to you. Should you have any questions, please come and speak to us.

Here's to an enjoyable and productive term!

Yours sincerely,

Lydia Parsley

Frances Jones

Samantha Lane

Rianna Dobashi

Coleen Stewart

Team Leader

Y4/5 Class teachers