Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers,

This half term is all about our school value 'Be Brave".

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Best wishes Mr Lumsdon

In French we are:

- -Beginning to understand French words for places and common objects around the classroom such as, table, chair, pencil, etc.
- -Identifying the word in French and matching it with the English translation and definition
- -Using French greetings in conversations as well as asking questions what is your name/age/where do you live? And answer in response.

In **SPaG** we are:

- -Learning how to use fronted adverbials correctly
- -Using prepositions to express time and cause
- -Recapping the use of plural and possessive 's'
- -Looking at the correct use of commas, including the correct punctuation when using inverted commas
- -Identifying main and subordinate clauses and then using them in our writing



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In English we are;

- reading The Night Bus Hero by Onjali Q Rauf
- -retrieving information from the text using skimming and scanning techniques
- -making inferences about how and why the characters behave in the way they do and justifying these
- -writing in first person describing thoughts and feelings; showing not telling
- -continuing the chapter by writing our own narrative chapter, editing and improving our writing

be brave

 \sim confront your fears and take a chance... mistakes are the best lessons \sim

This is shown by the footsteps; this will remind you to be brave in your choices. You have to make a mistake sometimes to know how to make things right next time.

In Maths we are:

- Finding the perimeter and area of rectilinear shapes, including squares
- Reading and writing time using analogue and digital clocks
- Comparing and classifying geometric shapes
- -Identifying different types of angles, including acute and obtuse
- Solving comparison, sum and difference problems using information presented in bar charts, pictograms, tables and other graphs -Continuing to practise our times tables up to 12×12

In **Science** we are learning about;

- 'Animals including humans' by:
- Describing the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans
- -Identifying the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions
- -Constructing and interpreting a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey
- -Recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables

In **Geography** we are learning about; Volcanoes & Earthquakes and thinking about the big question:

'Is there wisdom behind living near a volcano?' This involves:

- -Understanding what tectonic plates are and how their movement is linked to the formation of mountains and volcanoes.
- -Explaining how Earthquakes occur and how countries can prepare as best as they can
- -Recognising the impact of economy on how countries can prepare for natural disasters

In Music we are:

- -Playing and performing in solo and ensemble contexts
- -Improvising and composing music for a range of purposes
- -Listening with attention to detail and recalling sounds with increasing aural memory
- appreciating and understanding a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers
 developing an understanding of the history of music

Throughout the rest of the curriculum we are learning:

- -PSHE How do we treat each other with respect?
- -RE Explore what the Holy Trinity is and what it means to Christians
- -PE Perform dances using a range of movement patterns/football skills
- -Computing- Online research skills, creating illustrations and posters to raise awareness of our planet's endangered animals. Get involved with environmental campaigns. Make a class film about how making small changes can help