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Dear Parents and Carers

Autumn half term topic homework for Year 4

Today we are sending home your child's **topic homework**. The purpose of topic homework is for your child to learn and explore more about a topic that we are learning about in school. They can do this through **drawing, making and writing**.

We have given your child a **Topic Homework book** to record their work in. Most children will be working in the same book that they have previously completed their topic homework in. We ask that your child uses a maximum of **4 pages** in their Topic Homework book.

We would also love to see **drawing, paintings, models and sculptures**, as we have a very strong tradition of children making the most amazing pieces to bring into school for their class topic homework display. If your child does make something to bring in for the topic homework display, please send it into school in a **named carrier bag**. All items will be placed in quarantine, and then put on the topic homework display in each classroom. Photographs will be taken and shared on the school website and our Facebook page to

Topic homework is being given out today to all year groups. The deadline for topic homework to be completed and returned to school is **Wednesday 11 November**. This means that your child has 12 school days plus half term week and 3 weekends to do this work.

While children are busy with their topic homework, we will not be sending home any English or maths homework. However, they will still have **spellings** to learn and we still expect them **to read 5 times each week**.

We are looking forward to seeing all of the children's imagination and hard work coming to life when they return their topic homework to school.

Yours sincerely

Miss Chappell
Headteacher

Year 4 Topic Homework

We are currently enjoying our topic all about **space**.

So far we have learned about the different planets and their order in the solar system. We have talked about black holes as we are studying 'The care and feeding of a pet black hole' in English. In science we have learned about rocks and we are taking our learning further to find out about rocks in space and on other planets. We will be learning all about Mars and the Mars rovers. In ICT we will be programming the crumble robots to move around a martian landscape and in science we will discover how they study rocks on Mars. We have even incorporated space into our artwork and had a go at recreating 'Starry Night' by Van Gogh.

For an extended piece of homework, I would like you to **be creative again**. I want you to **write about, draw or design and make** anything you like about **space**.

You could:

- Make a powerpoint about anything you like related to space.
- Make a model solar system.
- Make a poster about your favourite planet.
- Build a space rocket (junk modelling).
- Design a Mars Rover.
- Find out about the Moon landings and present your research any way you choose.
- Make a space suit.
- Write a space adventure story.
- Write a space poem.
- Do some space art (there are lots of ideas on Youtube).
- Build a Lego spacecraft.

Date Set: Friday 16th October

Date Due: Wednesday 11th November

I think I would like to find out more about...

I think I would like to **make/draw/write** (*you only need to choose one*) about something to do with space. I think I will...
