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Hello Year 4,

We have reached the end of another busy week and pupils can have a well-deserved weekend break for all the great work they have been doing!

In English, we have been creating a non-chronological report all about the lives of children in Victorian times. In Reading, we have continued our focus on non-fiction texts by unpicking a very challenging piece about photography. We started a new topic in Maths looking at the area of shapes, building on our work on shapes from earlier in the year. We did our first Art lesson as part of our online learning, developing our skills in drawing figures accurately. It was great to see such care taken in these drawings when pupils got to share their work the next day. In EPR, we considered the effects of alcohol on the body. In RE, we looked at how the parish community comes together to celebrate a person's life when they die.

Next week, Mr Hallett's Collective Worship will once again take place on a Monday morning. Pupils should watch this first (the link will be on the 'stream' in Google Classroom) before joining the normal meeting. Lessons will start as normal at 9:15am so pupils should aim to have the assembly watched by then. A good idea would be to start watching the assembly at 9:00am as this will give lots of time to join the meeting before lessons start.

The 'Learning Behaviour' awards for those doing online learning at home go to Blanka Pacucha and Archie Butler this week. Blanka has shown great enthusiasm for her home learning and has been putting lots of effort into her work. Archie has done a great job using exciting sentence openers in his writing this week and is someone who always puts their hand up to read aloud. In class, the award goes to Freddie Arstall for producing some beautiful Art work.

The new set of spellings for next week have been added to classwork in Google classroom under today's date. We will not be testing these but please continue to practise at home and through Spelling Shed.

The impact of COVID-19 on families varies widely. Some families are able to 'get on' with life, but for others it is making life much more difficult. If you are struggling as a family, please do not hesitate to contact school and ask for support. You may be feeling isolated, struggling with your mental health, worrying about your finances due to job loss or a reduction in hours or concerned about your physical health particularly if you are in a vulnerable category due to underlying health needs.

If you need any support with any of these things or indeed something else, please contact one of the Designated Safeguarding Team via the school office:

Mr Hallett (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Mr Moss (Safeguarding Leader)

Mr Croghan (Safeguarding Leader)



Mrs Alfieri (Safeguarding Leader)

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. This will be the focus of our EPR work but if you wish to do some related activities at home, you can find some ideas at <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>.

Whilst learning continues online, we are in the best place to spot lots of different wildlife right from the comfort of our own homes! One exciting event that is happening this weekend is the 'Big Garden Birdwatch'. Head to <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/> for more information.

As always, if you are having any issues you can contact us (dcroghan@stfrancisassisi.org.uk or pjones@stfrancisassisi.org.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

The Year 4 Team

Live Lessons will run from 9:15 until approximately 12:00						
	9:00 – 9.15	1 st session		2 nd session	3 rd Session	Independent Afternoon Tasks
Mon	Meeting link available	Watch Mr Hallett's Collective Worship at 9:00am + Maths	Short Break	Music	English	Reading
Tues		Maths		Reading	English	Art
Wed		Maths		Reading	English	Topic
Thurs		Maths		Reading	English	PE
Fri		Maths		Reading	EPR	RE