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Dear Class 4 Families,

Welcome back to the summer term in Class 4 - it's so good to see the sunshine!

First of all, I'd like to congratulate your children on their impressive independence, coming into school unaccompanied. They are really enjoying the calm and swift start to the day.

We have a busy term ahead, with residential, sports day, the village fete and so much more to look forward to. I think it will fly by!

This term, learning will focus on issues around Service, and about people and organisations that help others. We will learn about how faith plays a part in why many people choose to devote their lives to other humans.

They will use sacred texts and religious practices to investigate the theological basis for service; looking more deeply into what many Christians, as well as people of other religions and world views (specifically Muslims), believe about this. Crucially, they will consider the impact their beliefs have on their actions.

We will consider some of the causes of humanitarian disasters, focusing particularly on natural disasters, linking this to learning about the Water Cycle in Science. In Geography, the children will investigate some of the worst affected by natural disasters and will consider how this changes the environment for those who live there.

We will consider people who have undertaken humanitarian work in the past, and consider their impact on this field today.

We will focus on the work of the Red Cross and the children will take part in First Aid training to enable them to serve others.

The children will be encouraged and supported to further develop their independence as learners and to take increasing ownership over the direction their enquiries take. They will also be encouraged to use what they have learned to make a difference in the world and to develop a sense of courageous advocacy. (See planning overview attached)

To support your child, please encourage your them to be independent in ensuring they have all necessary equipment and information to fully access the curriculum, such as PE/swimming kits, reading books and blue diaries, homework and letters etc. We are using a new values based recognition programme in school, to recognise and praise fabulous habits and behaviour. These are in the form of stickers which will be stuck directly into your child's blue reading diary. Please encourage them to discuss the value

represented by the image and to talk to you about how they demonstrated it and what the impact of that is on the school community.

Please ensure that you continue to support your child at home by reading with them at least 4 times each week, by collaborating with them in home learning tasks and encouraging them to carry out all such tasks to the best of their ability. Home learning will be set on Mondays and is due in the following Monday. It will always consist of spellings, times table practice, reading and IXL English and Maths tasks and it is vital that you support your child in these to ensure that they are practising accurately and effectively and that any work produced is of a standard acceptable at school.

PE/Art will be on a Thursday afternoon with Mr Waldron or Mrs Laska. Please continue to read the weekly email updates for information specific to your child and ensure that all consents and payments are returned promptly to school in order that your child is able to play a full part in the life of the school.

Please carry on getting to grips with Seesaw. I love being able to communicate quickly and efficiently with you and the children love you having a little window onto their world in school. The blog, linked to the app, is available at <https://blog.seesaw.me/ashclass41819> or by scanning the QR code below.



Finally, a plea, again! Now the summer is here, we would love to plant some vegetables to use in our end of term celebration so we would ask if any of you have any planters, compost, cuttings, seeds or plants that you could donate. If so, we would really appreciate it.

I look forward to the year ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs Northcott and Mrs Scibilia