



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Over the next term, Year 4 will be following a unit of work on a theme called 'Turn It Up' during their Science lessons.

This unit of work is part of the International Primary Curriculum. This curriculum sets out very clearly what children will learn – the learning goals – in three different areas:

1. The subjects of the curriculum.
2. Personal development – the characteristics which will help children become more responsible, independent learners.
3. International understanding – which will help children develop both a sense of the independence of their own country and culture and the interdependence between countries and cultures.

Each unit of work is based around specific targets derived from the learning goals for one or more of the subjects.

During this unit we will be focusing on Science, Technology, Music and International.

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- How sounds are made
- How to change sounds
- How sounds travel to the ear
- About the volume of sounds
- About sound and noise
- How shadows are formed
- Where light comes from



In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- How to make a wind instrument

In Music, we'll be finding out:

- How to play a simple tune on the recorder

In International, we'll be finding out:

- About music in different cultures and countries
- About the harmful effects of light pollution

All of the work we are going to do has been specially written to help your child reach the learning goals. Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work, perhaps to you.

We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you.

Talk with your child about different forms of sound and light (natural and manmade) and what makes them happen. You could find out how we are able to hear and see from reference books or the Internet. Your child could create sounds from everyday objects and, if possible, learn to play a simple tune on a musical instrument.

If your child has some work to research, please help them, but without actually doing the work. If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of this theme please take it, but your enthusiasm and interest is most important.

By the end of the unit, we hope your child has achieved all of the learning targets. We hope they have had an enjoyable time in the classroom. And we hope you have enjoyed seeing your child work with enthusiasm. If you have any comments or questions about your child's learning, please get in touch.

Kind regards.