Dear Year 4,

Your English task for this week is more of a little project than daily tasks! You will find attached with all your work an article that I have written regarding how my family and I have spent some of our free time in the last 12 weeks. I have modelled for you a newsletter, where you can find out about all our baking, and also news of our new family member with a funny story about him!

Over three days, I would like you to plan and draft each paragraph for your newsletter (one paragraph per day). Please edit your work each day, ensuring your use of punctuation is accurate, that you have checked your spelling efforts and made changes where you need to, and that you have included grammatical features such as fronted adverbials, subordinate clauses and expanded noun phrases to enhance your writing.

I have set a to do that is a newspaper template (and hopefully the explanation of the task when you click on the ‘To Do’ matches my explanations here!). You can then spend type up your newsletter, import your own photographs, and change the style of the print if you’d like. There is also an option to add another page – look at the icons at the top – the one with the plus sign will give you a new page.

My expectations however, are that each paragraph will be similar lengths to mine – no short cuts of only one or two sentences!

There is also a SPAG activity focussing on standard English forms for verb inflections, (i.e. we were instead of we was, I did rather than I done), and some reading comprehension activities (with answers) should you wish to complete one of those too.

Your spellings you can build on from last week. If you identified some Year 3 and 4 common exception words to work on, please continue with those. Alternatively, use the Year 5 and 6 list. You can either do this through Spelling Frame, which arranges the words into groups according to alphabetical order (have a look back at my letter last week for information on how to navigate to them on the website), or use the word list included for your own and pick 8-10 that you fancy.

Maths activities are described in my introduction to line graphs power point, and all resources needed included with this week’s learning pack. There is also squared paper you can print out in case you need it.

Have a lovely week,

Love from Mrs Espie xx