



Dear Parents/ Guardians,



I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break and that the children are refreshed and ready to start another busy and exciting term. Thank you so much from all Year 4 staff for the lovely Christmas presents, they were very much appreciated.



This term we will be starting a new topic based on natural disasters and, using a thematic approach, will make links across English, geography and art. To start our topic we will be having a Wow Day on 16<sup>th</sup> January. The day will be creative and hands on, so children are asked to wear scruffy home clothes that may get dirty. We will continue to run our Show and Tell sessions on Thursday afternoons with topic related items.



In maths this term we will be focusing on fractions as well as time. Asking children to tell the time at home is an excellent way to embed this skill. We will continue to focus on rapid recall of multiplication tables. Thank you for all of your support at home with the children learning their times tables.



It remains extremely important that your child is reading regularly at home. Please ensure that your child has the opportunity to read a range of texts both independently as well as with an adult to encourage confidence, progression and most importantly, a love of reading. This term's class book will be sent home during the first week with homework. I hope that the children are enjoying this reading experience. Spellings will continue with a weekly spelling test each Thursday morning and the new Spelling Bee list will be sent home shortly.



This term our PE lessons will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. As part of this the children will be having hockey sessions which will take place outside. It is essential that your child has appropriate kit for indoor and outdoor P.E. in school on these days. In addition, children also need to bring in and keep in school an art apron.



The children will be taking part in their first Curriculum Day of the year on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Please refer to the original mailing regarding your child's group and any requirements that they may have for that day.



We hope that they children have enjoyed their first audiobook over the holidays. Listening to these stories is another way to expand children's experience of literacy and fiction. The children will all have the opportunity to listen to a range of stories over the term and these will be rotated every two weeks. Please ensure that your child returns their audiobook on the Friday of every other week. A reminder will be sent out on homework letters when it is the relevant week. Homework will continue to be sent out on a Thursday to be returned to school on a Tuesday.



Thank you all for your support. We are looking forward to another busy and productive term in Year 4.



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