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Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Year 4 Parents/ Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are feeling refreshed and ready to start your child's new term in Year 4.

This half-term our English and Creative work will be based around **Volcanoes**. Our theme of **What a Wonderful World** links with this and we shall be finding out about this exciting topic across English, Geography, and DT. Our topic in Science is **Sound**. We will continue to learn a wide range of skills in mathematics, including **multiplication and division** and **shape and measurement**. In RE we are thinking about Sikhism, and in Computing we will be learning how to **film video**.

In Spring 2, our English and Creative work will be based around **Cunning Creatures**, and we shall be finding out about this exciting topic across English, Geography, and Art. Our Science topic will be **Living Things**, and our RE topic will be **Christianity**. We will explore the topic of **fractions and decimals**, and learn how to **edit video**.

Homework will be given at the beginning of the half term; please ensure that your child brings in their homework books so that the new menu can be stuck in.

In order to support your child's learning please use some time at home to research the topics we are studying and take an interest in what has been completed at school.

Both classes will continue to swim on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that children have a swimming kit, swimming cap, and towel on this day. In Elliott Class, our PE will be on Wednesday. In Palmer Class, PE will continue to be on Tuesday. It is imperative that the children have the correct PE kit on these days. It is advisable that your child brings a clean PE kit into school on Monday and takes it home for washing on Friday. PE kits should include a white t-shirt, shorts and jogging bottoms, a jumper, a fleece and a pair of plimsolls or trainers.

### Reading

It is very important that your child reads some of their book **every day**. Please make sure that there is an acknowledgement that they have read each night by signing their reading records. Your child should bring their book and reading record into school daily. We will be changing books when needed.

### Times table check

It is imperative that your child is practicing the times tables **every day**. This will help consolidate the times tables in preparation for the times table check in the summer term. We practice in class and appreciate any support you can provide whilst at home.

### Spellings

Spellings will be stuck into reading records ahead of the weekly spelling test. They are also available on the school website.

If you would like to discuss anything regarding your child, please feel free to make an appointment to see someone from the Year 4 team. You can contact the school office to make an appointment.

Thank you in advance for all your support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Henning, Miss King, Mr. O'Brien and Ms. Rahman

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