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Dear Parents,

Firstly, from all in the Year 4 team, we hope you had a wonderful, relaxing and peaceful Christmas and we wish you all a Happy New Year. We would also like to say what a wonderful first term we have had teaching your children. They have settled into year 4 well and have embraced their learning. They have worked hard, and we know that they will continue to do so in the spring term.

Together, we have already created so many special memories including our Egyptian Day, the CAFOD workshop, our Christmas lunch and of course our amazing Christmas production. We look forward to create more memories in 2025.

Please see our **curriculum map** which is attached.

RE

In RE we will continue following the 'Come and See' RE scheme of work. The topics this term are: 'Community' and 'Giving and Receiving' and 'Self-Discipline'.

PE and Music:

PE and Music are on Monday mornings for both classes. **Children will continue to wear their PE kit to school and remain in it all day.** Please remember that **no jewellery** is allowed on PE days. Full PE kit is also expected which includes green shorts, dark track suit bottoms (optional), white T-shirts, plimsolls, or trainers. Also please ensure long hair is tied back. Finally, it is recommended that all children have a bottle of water to maintain hydration.

Swimming will continue until February half term and then we will revert back to Thursday PE sessions.

Reading Books:

Reading is an essential part of learning, and it is of paramount importance that every child, reads aloud every night at home, and answers comprehension questions. All children should be reading daily using Myon, in addition to their levelled book on Accelerated Reader. Your child's reading book and diary should be in school every day and books should be changed regularly. When children finish any Accelerated Reader book or Myon book, they need to complete a test. **Please fill in and sign your child's Reading Record at least three times a week.**

Homework:

Homework is issued on a **Friday** and should be returned on the following **Thursday**. Some of the activities they need to complete online e.g., Spelling Shed, Times Tables Rockstars and my ON, so it's important that they know their usernames and passwords.

We expect the children to **read daily for 20 minutes** and practise their **'times tables and spellings** every evening. At the end of Year 4, children are **expected to be fluent in times tables up to 12**. As you may be aware, the children will be required to participate in a national times tables test in June 2023, so it is very important that they are fluent. Using Times Tables Rock stars will benefit your child greatly because the test

that they have to do later on in the year is online. Please let us know if they are unable to access this invaluable online resource at home. Our school focus on times tables isn't just due to the Year 4 test but also because being fluent in the tables makes solving many maths tasks much easier for the children.

We appreciate that there may be occasions when it is not possible for your child to complete the task in the given time. If this is the case, please write us a quick note.

Some useful diary dates:

- Monday 6th January – Back to School
- Monday 27th January – National Storytelling Week
- Week beginning Monday 3rd February – Parents' Evening
- Friday 7th February – Number Day
- Week beg 10th February – Culture and Inspiration Week
- Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 13th February – Cultural exhibition
- 17th – 21st February – Half Term
- Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday
- Thursday 6th Mar 2025 – World Book Day
- Week beginning 10th March – Year 4 Bikeability
- Friday 14th March – INSET Day
- Thursday 3rd April – Year 4 Easter Celebration Assembly 9.30am in school hall.

Please also look at the school calendar which is sent out regularly by the office with the updates and reminders for additional dates and changes, throughout the year. It is also available on the school website.

Thank you for your kind wishes, gifts and all your support this term. May you have the gladness of Christmas, which is hope; the spirit of Christmas which is peace and the heart of Christmas which is love. We hope that you will enjoy the special times with your family and friends and that you and your families are blessed with peace this Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Ms Dimech, Mr Rose, Mrs Davies, Mrs Hurrell and Mrs Bloch

