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Dear Year 4 Parent/Guardian

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break.

Our learning this half term

In **English**, we will be studying 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde, a fiction text with beautiful illustrations. We will be using this book to help us develop our persuasive letter writing. We will also be creating first person recounts as well as posters and written reports. We will then go on to look at 'The Matchbox Diary' by Paul Fleischman to create pieces of story retelling and diary entries. This will be followed by opportunities to create a mini-autobiography and fact files.

Our **Topic** lessons will involve learning about the Romans with a focus on the origin of Rome and Roman gods and goddesses. We will also be using art to create 'our own Roman' as well as artefacts.

In **Maths** this half term, we will be learning about geometry, specifically focusing on properties of shapes as well as position and direction.

In **Science**, we will be focusing our consolidating our learning thus far. This will include carrying our experiments and investigations in session, particularly focusing on Animals including Humans. To follow this, we will be researching reputable scientists to developing our understanding of their contribution to our world.

In **RE** our learning will centre around the religions within our neighbourhood. We will be exploring the importance of religious buildings in depth and how these can make an impact within our communities.

Homework and Reading

In Year 4 we will be continuing to use the online learning platforms Reading Eggs, Mathletics and Letterjoin. Logins have been sent home with your child so please keep these safe and encourage your child to access the platforms daily. We will also send home updated weekly spellings and timetables which will play a key part in our learning as well as homework linked to our Topic.

Children should be reading every day for at least 10 minutes at home. This reading should be recorded in your child's reading journal. Once your child has finished their book, they should bring it into school so they can pick a new reading book. If your child is reading a book from home, please ensure that this is also recorded in their reading journal. We will be checking these weekly this half-term.

Multiplication Tables

Belong

Believe

Achieve

As you may be aware, Year 4 will have a multiplication test on **14th June 2022**. All pupils should have memorised their multiplication tables up to and including the 12 multiplication table. This term, all Year 4 children will be expected to sit a multiplication tables check. It is therefore essential that children are practising their recall of their multiplication tables at home. Please see the separate Multiplication Check letter for more information.

PE

PE will be taught twice a week on **Tuesdays (Athletics)** and **Thursdays (Games)**. Please ensure children bring in their PE kits and leave them at school ready to change into the next day. All children must have also water bottle.

As we can expect to see some hot weather this half-term, please ensure that your children come to school with appropriate clothing and their own water bottle. Please also ensure that that all your child's jumpers, hats, and coats or any other belongings have their names written on them.

If you have any concerns or questions about any of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 Team