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Dear Year 4 Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. We are pleased to say your children have come back raring to go! Below, we have outlined some of the key information and expectations for your children this half term.

Times Tables

Times tables continue to be a focus, particularly with the fast approaching formal assessment the children will sit in the Summer Term. As with last term, children will continue to be set times tables homework and be tested weekly. Please ensure you practise these at home with your children to support the work we are doing in school.

The children will be tested on their **multiplication knowledge and the related division facts** too, so they need to know both! We have recently sent home a letter stating your child's log in details for another useful website called EdShed. Please use this to practise timetables as well. Well done to those children who have logged on so far to play some games as well as those who continue to use Times Table Rockstars.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Monday, through Seesaw and the expectation is that all children complete this by the following Monday. Children should be able to complete the homework with little help; we would really appreciate your encouragement to get the children to complete the homework to the best of their ability. We will begin using a website called EdShed as stated above for both spelling and maths homework.



Curriculum Spring 1

Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 Operations (multiplication and division)• Measure - area• Fractions• Decimals
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing for a range of purposes using a variety of sentence types.• Proofreading written work for errors.• Planning, editing and publishing sustained writing. <p>We will be focussing on many rich texts to support our English learning journey. This half term we will be using books such as Anglo-Saxon Boy.</p>
Enquiry	<p>Our enquiry question is, 'What does it mean to be strong?' Our concepts that we will be exploring are 'identity', 'influence' and 'tradition'.</p> <p>This half term we will be focusing on, Anglo Saxon history and how this has affected our lives today. We will be looking at how they lived, what their lives were like, crime and punishment and their customs and traditions.</p>

PE

PE days have changed for each class this half term. **See below the changes.**

Please send your child into school in their PE kit and trainers. This is so that we are using our maximum time for our slot and not having to change into kits and back again. Please send water bottles into school every day. These can be refilled throughout the day in school.

Each class has 2 PE sessions a week. One indoor and one outdoor.

- Seahorses are on a Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (outdoor).
- Koalas are on a Wednesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor).
- Polar Bears will now only have PE once a week because they have outdoor learning with Mr Richards this half term on a Thursday. Therefore, Polar Bears PE day is just a Friday.

As and when the weather continues to deteriorate, please ensure coats and appropriate clothing is provided.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school and your child's learning. We are really excited to get started on this half term's activities!

Kind regards,

The Year 4 team

Miss Cassar, Miss Cook and Miss Borthwick

