



January 2018,

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely break. The whole Year 4 team would like to take this opportunity to say a warm felt thank you for our generous gifts. We really appreciate your support and kindness.

## Curriculum

**Topic** – This half term our topic is ‘Active Planet’. We will be focusing mainly on earthquakes and volcanoes. As part of this topic, we will be visiting the Natural History Museum in February (see dates below). More information will follow in a separate letter.

**Science** – States of Matter –investigating solids, liquids and gases.

**Maths** – We will be moving onto multiplication and division. Please look at the calculation policy on our website to see the methods we use.

**English** – Narrative - Stories from different cultures. Non-narrative - Report writing.

**Spanish** – will be taught by Sonia Damian once a fortnight.

**Art** – will be taught by Isabel Richert once a fortnight.

**PE** – will be taught by Mario Vitrano and Jason Bichri as well as class teachers.

## Swimming

Swimming lessons at Park Road will continue this half term for the current group of swimmers from 4R and 4P, followed by the children from 4B who were identified as requiring lessons in the initial assessment back in September. 4B's set of 5 lessons will begin on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Please ensure your child has swimming shorts (not baggy)/costume, a towel and a swimming hat for these sessions.

## Requests

If you haven't already done so, please make sure you have a read of the letter the Admin team send home with reminders about communication with the school. It's vital that we have correct information about your child to ensure their safety and well-being. Please make sure you've returned the permission slip for your child to go on school trips. Thank you.

## Dates for your diaries

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 4R & 4P trip to The Natural History Museum

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – half term holiday, school closed for all children

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – 4O & 4B trip to The Natural History Museum

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Parents' Evening

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Sets Parents' Evening – Year 4-6 only

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – last day of Spring term

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – first day of Summer Term

Yours sincerely,  
The Year 4 Team

**Headteacher Leon Choueke**