



February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a restful half term break.

This half term our focuses are:

Topic – We will continue to look at ‘The Active Planet.’ Children will find out about how the Earth is formed, about Pompeii, about hot and cold colours, what makes buildings strong, how to use different sequences of movement to show the story of volcanoes, about legends associated with volcanoes, what happens when a volcano erupts, about international organisations that work after natural disasters and how to use instruments to make sound pictures.

Science –After completing our topic on ‘States of Matter,’ we will move on to look at ‘Sound’ – how it travels, pitch and volume.

Maths- We will be completing our work on multiplication and division and then spending the rest of the half term on fractions. You can find more information about the steps that the children need to go through to secure their understanding of fractions within the calculation policy on our school website. Please look back to see what they did in Year 3 as well.

English – We are starting a new unit of work on explanation texts. We will be using inventions as our stimulus for writing this half term.

Parents’ Evening and Sets Parents’ Evening

We look forward to seeing you at Parents’ Evening on Thursday 1st March. There will also be an opportunity for you to meet with your child’s sets teacher/s on Thursday 8th March. Please be aware that we are only able to see children who are **in our sets** but **not in our class** on the 8th March. If your child’s sets teacher is also their class teacher, their progress in English and Maths will be discussed with you on the 1st March. This is to ensure there are enough appointments for everyone. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

Spellings and times tables

Please make sure that all spelling books are brought into school on a Thursday and that children are spending time at home practising these in advance of their spelling workshops on Thursdays. All spellings are uploaded on to the website in our Year 4 area and the times tables are shown on the weekly overview.

Outdoor PE Kit

Over the next few months, lots of our PE sessions will take place outside therefore it is important that all children have a suitable outdoor PE kit. This should include a jumper, leggings or tracksuit bottoms and a pair of trainers. Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit to school every week.

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Healthy mid-morning snack (juniors only)

Your child is able to bring a mid-morning snack to eat during playtime. This snack must only be fruit or vegetables – please refrain from sending any sugary snacks. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 1st March – World book Day

Thursday 1st March – Parents' Evening 4-6pm and 6.30-8pm West hall

Thursday 8th March 9AM - Reading in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 – This is a morning session for parents and carers.

Thursday 8th March – Sets Parents' Evening – Year 4-6 only 4-6pm and 6.30-8pm West hall

Friday 23rd March - Sport Relief – more information will be sent home about how the events we'll be having at school and fundraising activities.

Wednesday 21st March at 7pm – 'The importance of play and emotional well-being' This is an evening session open to all parents and carers; more information will follow.

Thursday 29th March – last day of Spring term

Monday 16th April – first day of Summer Term

Friday 6th July INSET day – school closed for all children

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 4 team

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