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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you had a wonderful half term holiday and are looking forward to the lead up to Christmas!

This half term we will be studying:

Topic: 'Entertainment and Leisure in the 20th Century'

We will be examining what it was like to live in the 20th Century and how life has changed over the century. We will consider what music people listened to, what they wore, how they spent their leisure time and what they did before the laptop! This is an exciting topic because it gives the children an opportunity to discuss with you and with grandparents what you did in the 1990s, 1980s or some of you may even remember the 1970s!?! Please share your knowledge of music you listened to, pull out the photographs of you in your teenage fashions and share the television programmes that you used to watch.



English

We will be looking at discussion texts, different types of poetry and information texts. We will emphasise the need to use a range of punctuation (including: commas, exclamation marks, brackets, and apostrophes and ellipses); paragraphs and complex and descriptive sentences in their writing. Please encourage your child with their writing and to read at home for at least 15 minutes daily as part of their homework; questioning them to check that they have understood what they have read. There will be daily spelling and SPAG lessons.

We will also be continuing to concentrate on our spellings and ensure that simple words are spelled correctly in our writing. This will mean continuing to focus on the words from Year 2 and 3 if they are not secure.

Mathematics

This term we will be learning how to solve problems using addition and subtraction; measurement (length and perimeter); multiplication and division. We will continue to develop our Fluency, Reasoning and Problem Solving skills. Please support your child with his/her calculation skills and continue to encourage your child to learn the key addition/subtraction facts, times tables facts and with learning to tell the time.

Times Tables

Children should know the following times tables: x2, x3, x4, x5, x9, x10.

This year, we will be learning our x6, x7, x8, x11 and x12 tables

By the end of the Year children in Year 4 should be able to recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.

Science

As part of our topic on 'States of Matter', pupils will be learning how to:

- Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases
- Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C)
- Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

RE

This term we will be learning about Story behind Christmas and the importance and message for this time of year. We will be considering what we all have to be thankful for at Christmas.

Computer Science

This term our topic is 'We are Toy Designers'. In this unit, the children will be working together to design a simple toy and then creating an on-screen prototype of their toy in Scratch. The computer programme 'Scratch' is available to download FREE onto home computers. (This is not compulsory but you and your child may wish to explore at home.)

For more information about 'Scratch' visit the website <https://scratch.mit.edu/parents/>



Homework

Monday: Homework due in. New spellings sent home.

Thursday: Homework sent home.

Friday: Spelling test

P.E.

Wednesday: Indoor PE –Gymnastics/ Dance (Ms Cluff)

Friday: Outdoor PE – Tennis at Tides (Mrs Theaker)

Long hair should be tied back and **earrings removed** for PE. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit. Children will need suitable trainers for PE, a warm jumper and jogging bottoms, especially as the weather worsens. School shoes are not permitted for PE lessons. If for any reason, your child is not able to take part in PE please send a note to let us know, otherwise we will expect a child to take part.

We would like to remind children that jewellery (other than a wristwatch) and nail varnish are not permitted. Please ensure that all items of clothing including hats, scarves, gloves, coats and PE kit are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Dates to remember:

20 December – Last day of Term

4 January – INSET Day (no children at school)

5 January – Children return to school

We look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead. Please do come and see us at the end of the day if you have any queries or concerns about your child this term. We look forward to continuing to work together this year.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Debra Cluff, Mrs Dawn Theaker and Miss Collister

