

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our topic after our half term break is based on our local Geography: **How well do you know your local area?** For details of the Geography curriculum this term please see the attached Knowledge Organiser. For this the half terms homework, please spend time reading the Knowledge Organiser through with your child, and selecting one of the activities. Weekly homework will continue to be given out on a Friday, and expected back in the following Wednesday. Spelling test will take place the following Friday.

Below is a summary of what we will be covering in our other subjects. A more detailed explanation of what will be taught can be found on the Year 4 'Connected Curriculum' document on the school website.

In English children will study a fiction unit, followed by a non-fiction unit relating to our Science unit. We will also be doing cross curricular writing throughout our Topic. In Mathematics, we will be moving on to multiplication and division. Please use the following website at home for children to practice their times tables regularly (set to 6 seconds per a question, 25 questions in total):  
<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

In Science they will learn about States of Matter, and will be carrying out some exciting investigations. In French children will learn some basic greetings and how to present themselves. In Computing, children will study coding. In Art the children will be focusing on the work of Banksy, leading up to creating their own version. Our RE topic this term will be unpicking the question 'What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?' and our PSHE topic is 'Celebrating difference.'

#### Practical details

**PE** will be on a **Tuesday afternoon**. Children will need to bring their PE kits to school on this day. **Art and DT** may involve painting and messy activities. It would be great if you could provide a named old shirt or t-shirt for children to keep in school.

#### **Reading**

Children will be issued with new reading records during week 2 and will be given one book to take home. Please read with your child every evening and write a short comment in their reading record about how they got on (siblings/Grandparents can also write in these). When both books have been completed children can change their books for new ones. Reading records and books should be brought to school every day so that teachers can check and sign them. Children will receive a reading karate band for every 20 reads at home (reading record must be signed for each read).

**Rewards**

Dojo will be used to reward children who reach the star or shooting star during the school day as well as for good work or behaviour. The children will work towards earning a class treat at the end of term.

**Communication**

Texts will be sent via the office to communicate information from teachers. Please email the office if you have a message to pass on to your child's teacher.

Thank you,

The Year Four Team

Miss Matthews, Miss Watts and Mr Fraulo