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Dear Parents and carers,

This half term, Year 4 will have a **history** focus, learning all about **The Mayans**.

Our learning:

- In English, our first unit is 'Writing to Inform' producing our own newspaper report. We will be using 'Dragonology: The Complete Book of Dragons' by Dugald Steer, to support us with this unit. For our second unit, we will be writing short stories, focusing on characters & Settings. We will be using the text, 'The Story Shop: Stories for Literacy' by Nikki Gamble to support our writing.
- Our focus in our Reading lessons will continue to be all the reading domains, with a focus on the skill of infer.
- In Maths, we will be focusing on measurement: length and perimeter and multiplication and division.
- In Science, our focus is Biology. We will be learning about food and digestion focusing on the human digestive system and simple food chains.
- In History, our topic is The Mayans. We will be learning about North American history, understanding what life was like for the Ancient Mayan's, and comparing this with that of the Ancient Greeks and Ancient Egyptians
- In R.E, our theme is Christmas. We will be focusing on the key question, 'What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today'.
- In Art, we will be making Mayan Masks, whilst learning about the traditional arts and crafts of the Mayan people and represent them using mixed media elements.
- In PE, we will be learning how we work as a team in sports.
- In PSHE, we will be learning about Mental and Emotional Health. We will be focusing on: What is resilience? What does it mean to have responsibility over my choices and actions? and What is discrimination?



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Homework and Spellings:

Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Friday. They will also be available on EdShed to play games based around their weekly spellings. Children are also expected to spend some time on Timetable Rockstar's weekly, practicing their times tables, this can be done on an iPad, tablet, laptop, computer, or phone.

Children are expected to read at home either independently or to an adult three times a week (depending on their confidence and fluency). Children can access a range of reading books on the MyOn website. All children have been given a login for Myon. Please see your class teacher if you do not have one.

In June, all children will be completing a times table assessment. Can we please ask that you support your child at home in ensuring they know fluently, their times tables, that they are reading each day independently and to you and they have opportunities to be read to by an adult.

Our swimming days are:

4 Owl - Tuesday

4 Kestrel - Tuesday

4 Falcon - Thursday

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 Team