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Dear Parents

This half term, Year 4 will have a History focus learning all about The Mayans. Attached to this letter are your child's Knowledge Organisers which contain key facts, vocabulary and information about your child's learning in class.

Our learning:

- In English, our class text will be Varmints, which focuses on environmental impacts. The most overlooked threat in the world is that of the loss of peace and quiet. The Varmints come and build their city where once was grass. Before they realise what they have done, there is nothing but a huge dark city. Can someone find the time and space to stop, think and plant seeds of change?
- Our focus in Reading lessons will be the skill of define.
- In writing, we will be writing our own Environmental stories. For the second half of the half term we will be writing an explanation text about why the Mayans were so successful.
- In Maths we are focusing on addition and subtraction as well as, multiplication and division.
- In Science, we will be learning about animals including humans. We will be describing the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans and identifying the different types of teeth and their functions.
- In History, we will be learning all about The Mayans and why they were so successful.
- In R.E. we will be learning about the religions Christianity and Islam and why their holy books are so important to them.
- In P.E, we will be continuing our swimming lessons.
- In Art, the children will continue to work towards their shoe box art where we will be representing the two sides of Brazil the outside will be decorated with colours, lines and shapes to represent a carnival and the inside will show the poverty in Brazil in the favelas and slums.
- In Music, we will be learning about sounds. We will be having a go at beatboxing and exploring the different sounds we can make with our own bodies. We will also be learning some songs from the 1940s.

Can we please ask that you support your child at home in ensuring they know fluently, their times tables. Also that they are reading each day independently and they have opportunities to be read to by an adult. Can we ask that you also ensure their home learning projects are completed on time.

You can also use the information on their Knowledge Organisers to test their recall of facts and their understanding of the new vocabulary listed.

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

On the reverse side of this letter, you will find information about key dates coming up this term as well as details of your child's home learning projects.

Yours sincerely,
The Year 4 Team



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Home Learning Projects

(Please choose one or two to complete over the half term)

- Convert dates in our calendar into a corresponding one in the Maya calendar system.
- Write your name beautifully in Mayan hieroglyphics.
- Create a colourful Mayan mask.
- Write a secret message in Mayan hieroglyphics for the class to work out.
- Design and make a Mayan pyramid.
- Research an area of interest about Mayan life such as: school, home life, clothing, music or religion. Find information about this chosen area and write out what you have learnt (in your own words please).
- Sketch an artefact from the Maya civilization. Annotate around the artefact sketch what you believe it tells you about their way of life/society.

Homework:

Homework will be given out each Friday and needs to be completed in homework books and returned on Wednesdays so it can be marked and celebrated and the next week's homework stuck in.

Children are expected to read at home to an adult three times a week (Dojos will be awarded for reading at home), this needs to be recorded in their reading records and signed by an adult at home.

Children are also expected to spend some time on Timetable Rockstars weekly practicing their times tables, this can be done on an iPad, tablet, laptop, computer or phone. If your child does not have access to one of these, please let their teacher know so that we can send home a paper copy and allow them time in school to access the website.

Spelling will be sent home weekly and there will be a weekly spelling test in class.

Dates for your Diaries:

Monday 11th November – Annabelle Commemoration

Friday 15th November – Children in Need - Wear your PJs to school

Monday 18th November – Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm

Tuesday 19th November – Parents Evening 3:30- 6 pm (Owl class only)

Thursday 21st November – Parents Evening 3:30- 6 pm (Kestrel and Falcon class only)

Friday 29th November – Own Clothes Day – Bring a bottle/ chocolates

Friday 13th December– Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December– Book Bus in School

Friday 13th December– Children Finish at 1:45 for Christmas Fair to start at 2pm

Wednesday 18th December– Party Day – Children wear party clothes

Thursday 19th December– Christmas Dinner

Friday 20th December – Children finish for Christmas at 2pm

PE: 4 Falcon – Tuesday, 4 Kestrel – Wednesday, 4 Owl – Friday