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Dear Parents/Carers,

On to our second half term and still going strong, perfect for the run up to Christmas! Let's make this second term as wonderful as the first, especially with all the wonderful events coming up in the Christmas period. This letter will tell you the information that your child will be learning about in class. Further information about their learning can be found on our school website.

Getting Ready to Come to School

Children will need to come to school every day:

- Wearing their school uniform
- With their bookbag and water bottle
- Ready to learn!
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Our Learning:

English 	This term in writing our first unit will involve writing a formal report on a newly discovered dragon, based on the book Dragonolgy. We will also be writing a formal letter to explain our discovery. We will then be writing short descriptive narratives using The Story Shop as a basis.
Reading 	In Reading this term, we will be focusing on all the reading skills, looking in detail at the vocabulary that has been used in a text and why certain vocabulary was chosen.
Maths 	This term in Maths, we will further develop our knowledge of multiplication and division, as well as learning about calculating area.
Science 	In Science our focus in Biology. We will be learning about food and digestion, including how our digestive system works.
History 	In History, our topic is Ancient Maya. We will be learning about where and when this ancient civilization existed, as well as learning about the advancements they made and what they believed in.
DT 	In DT, we will be learning about different mechanisms using cams, pulleys and gears. We will use these mechanisms to complete the 'Squashed Tomato challenge'.
Religion and Worldviews 	In RE, our focus is theology. We will be learning what is meant by 'sacrifice'.
PE 	In PE this half term, pupils will be developing their gymnastics skills. Pupils will develop balancing, rolling, jumping and inverted movements and use these skills to create more complex sequences.
Music 	In music, we will be learning to play trumpet.
Computing 	In Computing, we will be using computing programs to edit photographs.
PSHE 	In PSHE this term our topic is Mental and emotional health. Pupils will discuss the meaning of resilience and investigate what it means to have responsibly over their own actions, both offline and online.

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PE

Below is the day your child will take part in PE.
On this day your child must wear their PE kits to school.
Falcon Class – Thursday
Owl Class – Thursday
Kestrel Class - Thursday

Homework

Each week your child will be expected to complete a range of different homework tasks to help support their learning in school. All homework will be found on our school website under the Year 4 page.

Reading	Please support your child at home in ensuring that they are reading each day independently and to you. They must also have opportunities to listen to an adult read to them.
Learning with Parents	This is a platform we use to record reading at home and in school. Please log all reading done at home on this website.
myON	Each week children are encouraged to log on to myON and read at home. The child who completes the most amount of reading each week will be awarded with a certificate.
Times Table Rockstars	Children are encouraged to practise their times tables weekly on Times Table Rockstars. We have weekly battles between each Year 3 class, can you help your class win?
Learning By Questions	This is a website designed to help pupils practice their maths skills. Each week pupils will be given specific questions to help them practice key mathematical skills to support their learning.

In class we would love to celebrate the amazing homework children do at home. This means that any time your child completes a piece of homework, send a photo to your class teacher on Class Dojo so it can be celebrated and rewarded. Children will receive Class Dojo points for completing their homework.

Attached to this letter you will find your child's Knowledge Organisers. You can use the information on their Knowledge Organisers to test your child's recall of facts and their understanding of the new vocabulary listed.

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

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 team