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### **Welcome Back Year 4!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back Year 4 and Happy New Year! We hope you have all had an excellent Christmas break and the children are refreshed and ready to start the Spring term. We are so pleased to see everyone back in school again and we have loved hearing what a fabulous break everyone has had.

We have an exciting half term ahead. The children will be exploring poetry in both reading and writing so that they are able to create their own pop-up poetry books in DT. This half term, the Year 4 children will also have the opportunity to visit Vedic Society Hindu Temple where they will learn all about the concept devotion. A letter regarding this will go out at the beginning of next week.

We will continue to read a range of books this half term as part of our reading lessons and in our daily class reads; however, it is really important that the children also read as much as possible at home. Please continue to read at home every night with your child or ensure they are reading independently for a minimum of 5 minutes. Please record the title of the book, the page numbers and your signature in your child's planner as the teachers check the planners each morning. Each time they read helps them to work towards their reading reward for the term. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

The children will continue to be tested weekly on their spellings. This test will take place on a Monday and their new spellings for the week will be given out on the same day. The words they will be tested on will be based on the words and spelling rules we have learnt that week. We ask you please to help your child to practise at home. All children can access Spelling Shed online, which means that they have opportunities to practise their spellings in a fun and interactive way at home. Their logins can be found in their planners.

In Mathematics, we will consolidate the children's knowledge of multiplication and division. We will also be continuing to test the children daily on their times tables facts and regularly encourage them to play Times Tables Rockstars at home to improve their recall speed. As you may be aware, the children will complete the Multiplication Tables Check with all Year 4 children nationally and we are aiming for



all children to be able to fluently recall all of their times table facts up to 12x12 at random by this time, so any support you can provide at home will be really beneficial to the children.

P.E. will still take place on Tuesdays this term. Please could you ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit including a change of footwear in school on the Monday, just in case the timetable changes at the last minute. If a child does not have the correct uniform for P.E., they will not be able to participate and you will be contacted about this.

We are really looking forward to what we think will be a fantastic half term for the children. We would like to thank you in advance for your support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. You can do this by writing a note in your child's planner or telephoning the school and they will make contact with you.

Kind regards,



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