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Year 4 Class – Newsletter Spring 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support last year, we are delighted to welcome the children back after Christmas and look forward to introducing our new topics this term. Below is a brief overview of some of the exciting things they will be learning about this term.

Who were the Mayans?

In our topic this half term we will be finding out about the Mayan civilisation. We will explore the huge span of time in which the Mayan civilisation existed. Pupils will learn about the architectural genius of the Mayan people and the significance of their religious buildings. Pupils will also learn the impressive achievements of the Mayans including the introduction of the calendar. We will also be creating our own Mayan Masks as part of our DT learning.



English

We will be linking many aspects of our literacy this year with the topic we are covering. This half-term we will be focusing on a variety of story writing structures, as well as writing our own newspaper article. Our class book this half term will be the “Grendal – A cautionary tale about Chocolate”, followed by “The Last Castaway” by Harry Horse.

Maths

This half term we will be looking at multiplication and division as well as measure. We will be thinking about mental and written strategies and there will be time in every maths lesson spent on embedding rapid recall of times tables. Please take time to support your child with their recall of their times tables. By the end of year 4, the expectation is that all children should know all of their times tables up to 12x12. We will also be looking at word problems in numeracy and how to solve two and three step operations.



Science

The children will learn about the food we eat, nutrition and our digestive system. They will also look at human and animal teeth.



Reading

We will be having a **BIG** push on reading in Year 4 this term. So it is very important for the children to have the opportunity to read every day in school and we would encourage them to find time every day to read at home as well. Those children that read consistently at home will be **rewarded**. Children need to continue to fill their **reading records** in and have them in school every day.



P.E.

The children will be taught badminton by our visiting coach for two Tuesdays. Please could children have their PE kit in school at all times for time when we may have the opportunity for extra PE.



Homework



Home Learning activities will continue like last term. Children have produced some fantastic pieces of work so far and we hope this will continue into this term. In addition, spellings, reading activities and a set of mathematical calculations (from the weekly Maths skills taught) will also be sent home on a weekly basis.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jordan
Y4 Class Teacher