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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Welcome back after the Christmas break. On behalf of the Year 4 team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cards and gifts and to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Learning this term.

This half term, our topic will focus on learning all about the digestive system. Please see the attached knowledge organiser for more details of what your child will be learning. We will be writing persuasive texts and reading the Demon Dentist by David Walliams. If your child has a copy, they may bring it into school so that they can follow the text as we read.

Next Friday, we will begin whole class music sessions led by the Dorset Music Service. The children will be taught to compose and play music using software on our school laptops. I am looking forward to learning alongside the class.

After half term, Year 3 and 4 are looking forward to inviting parents and carers into school to share what have been learning. This will entail performing poetry and songs, drama and sharing our art with you. The Showcase of Learning will take place on Tuesday 27th February at 9am. More details to follow nearer the time.

Home Learning

Home Learning will continue to be set on a Monday and it must be returned by the following Monday. This term, there will be a focus on reading comprehension and multiplication. The children will be required to discuss their home learning in class as this provides the perfect opportunity to go over common misconceptions and allows the children to see how to approach questions next time. It is therefore important that their books are in school no later than Monday please.

Please continue to help your child learn the spellings that are sent home weekly. I would urge you to look back over the Year 3-4 statutory word list and continue to practise these words with your child too. I can supply you with another copy, should you require it!



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The children have responded well to the times table challenge that we undertake twice a week. Practising little and often at home makes a huge difference so please continue to use Sumdog and www.timestable.co.uk to practise. It is the expectation that children will recall all their times tables up to 12x12 by the time they leave year 4.

Reading

As was mentioned in my last letter, we carry out whole class reading daily. During this time, the children are developing their comprehension skills through targeted activities. They are learning to predict, infer and summarise the main points of a text. I would stress that it is essential that they continue to read daily at home. The children must have three adult signatures in their reading log each week and the Reading Log should be brought into school daily.

PE

PE will continue to take place on Thursday and alternate Fridays. Please can we also take this opportunity to remind you that the children will need trainers and a warm jumper or fleece for PE sessions this term. If children attend football club on Fridays, they are welcome to bring football kit to change into at the end of the day however, normal PE kit must be worn during school hours.

Independence

As we progress through Year 4 and the children prepare for Upper Key Stage 2, we try to encourage greater independence. It is expected that children bring in a water bottle and coat suitable for outdoor learning each day, change their reading books at the start or end of the day without being reminded and complete home learning tasks on time. If they have any difficulty with home learning, the children have been told to speak to a member of the team by Monday so that we can provide support or a space to complete the task.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Hayward and the Year 4 team.



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