

Dear Parents and Children,

Happy New Year! Mrs Nixon, Mrs Vernon and I would like to thank you for all your cards, presents and kind wishes. We hope you all had a well deserved break and are keen to learn something new this term.

We will be focusing on Geography during the coming half term, looking at places around the world whilst locating and comparing them using maps. We shall initially continue to look at castles through our report writing in Literacy about the Tower Of London and then go onto writing suspense stories. We will then turn our focus through geography and Literacy to London.

ICT plays a vital role in the curriculum this term, we will be using comic life to create movie trailers, learn to create more complex games with the scratch program and use Google maps to locate places around the world.

In Religious Studies we are going to be looking at the parables Jesus used to teach us and considering how this impacts our faith through discussion and collective worship.

In Numeracy we will continue to work on the four operations in addition to learning about shape and coordinates.

During Science this term we will be looking at the properties of Rocks and then comparing Solids, liquids and gases and determining whether we can change their state.

In Art and music we will refine our skills and techniques whilst expanding our knowledge of instruments and artists.

As always, Homework will be handed out on Wednesday and should be returned no later than the following Monday. Homework usually consists of spellings, a piece of topic or literacy work and a piece of numeracy work.

However it is assumed that you read at least three times a week and practise times table with your child every week. Children should ideally know their times table well enough to answer any question without having to count through the table to reach the answer.

As always the school website has an array of games to support your child's learning and I shall continue to add to this as I come across things.

PE slots this term are on Thursday and Friday, the children should have their full indoor and outdoor kits in on these days.

Please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see the Year Four Team if you have any concerns.

Kind regards Andrea Ogden, Tamsin Vernon and Nicola Nixon