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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Spring Term 2! We hope you all had an active and fun-filled break.

This half term, we will be continuing our literacy unit of work on the text 'Varjak Paw', where the children will be innovating their own versions of the story. Afterwards, we will be exploring the features of non-chronological reports and learning how to write them. Our non-chronological report writing links very nicely to our Humanities topic 'The Mayan civilisations' and will give the children the opportunity to research, take notes and write detailed paragraphs as part of a report.

In maths, we will be improving our understanding of decimals and fractions. The children will be finding fractions of amounts, identifying equivalent fractions and recognising fractions of amounts and shapes. When learning about decimals, the children will learn how to write and position decimals on a number line and in a place value grid.

We will be beginning a new Humanities topic this term 'The Mayan civilisation.' During this unit, the children will explore the Mayan civilisation, order events chronologically and look at Mayan temple ruins. They will learn about the life, society and civilisation of both ancient and modern Maya. They will also find out the major achievements of the Maya, specifically a complete writing and number system.

This half term, we will be continuing our science unit, 'States of Matter', where the classes will be learning about the processes of evaporation and condensation, within the context of the water cycle.

In R.E we will learn about the Christian significance of Easter, why it is celebrated and how it is celebrated.

In design and technology, we are excited to be beginning a cookery unit called 'Seasonal Foods', where the children will learn the importance of a balanced diet, which seasonal fruit and vegetables are available to us and how to prepare some of these. They will undertake some food preparation and cooking activities, and of course taste their finished products!

We look forward to working with you and your children again this term.

Thank you

The Year 4 Team

