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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you back to the school term, as well as the New Year! We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break with your loved ones and that your child is ready for some new learning.

In English and Reading, our learning will be based on the fiction book '*I Believe in Unicorns*' by Michael Morpurgo. We will be developing our writing skills by creating a piece of descriptive writing, learning how to note-take and creating a non-chronological report. In reading, we will be working out the meaning of new vocabulary using context clues and applying the retrieval, inference and prediction skills. As well as this, we will evaluate Michael Morpurgo's choice of language and distinguish between fact and opinion.

In Maths, we will be focusing on Number: Multiplication and Division and Measurement: Length, Perimeter and Area. This will include using place value counters, the part whole model and the column method to multiply and divide. Also, we will continue to revise all times tables up to 12.

In our wider curriculum, we will be studying a range of topics. We will be continuing with our topic of 'Volcanoes, Mountains and Earthquakes' this half-term: understanding the features of mountains and earthquakes and how they affect the natural and physical world. For the first time this academic year, the children will be learning Design and Technology. They will be creating a moving story book in DT. In Science, we will be learning about Sound for the whole of the Spring Term. Also, we will be focusing on telling a story in French, Making Choices in PSHE and why the Bible is special for Christians in RE. In addition to this, we will be continuing to learn to play the recorder in Music. If your child wishes to hire a recorder, this can be done via parent pay.

In order to support your child, please continue to read with your child at home and evidence this in their reading record and help them complete their homework, which will be set weekly. The children are expected to complete their reading, weekly spellings and weekly times tables - which is due every Friday. Please continue to support your child in learning the National Curriculum's 100 common words (from Years 3 and 4). Please check the home learning project letter for details on interactive activities that you could complete with your child.

The children will no longer be Swimming and instead will have one weekly indoor PE lesson and one outdoor PE lesson. The indoor PE lesson will be Dance and the outdoor PE lesson will be OAA. OAA stands for outdoor adventurous activities. In this unit, pupils will develop a range of skills that will help to solve challenges.

4J's PE days are - Indoor: Tuesday

Outdoor: Thursday

4K's PE days are - Indoor: Tuesday

Outdoor: Monday

4V's PE days are - Indoor: Wednesday

Outdoor: Friday

The children need to ensure they are bringing in their full PE kits. Due to the colder temperatures, the children are allowed to bring in tracksuit bottoms and their John Perry



jumper as a suitable, additional layer. Please be aware that your child cannot wear their school shoes or plimsoles outside due to health and safety reasons. We would strongly advise PE kits being left in school for the duration of the half-term.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all support us in the Autumn term and we hope this will continue as your child progresses through Year 4.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Darko, Mr Nkansah and Miss Yesmin

