

**Message from the class teachers:**

After a fantastic first half term of year 4, we look ahead to the exciting run up to Christmas. We are so proud of how the children have settled in and how hard they have worked. This term we will be looking at Mexico, comparing its climate and settlements to the UK.

**Teachers:** Mr Belton, Miss Madeley, Miss Wheldon, Mrs McFarlane

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Bull, Mrs Birkinshaw, Mrs Cooper, Miss Stevens, Miss Ollerenshaw

**An overview of learning this half term**

**Maths:** Subtraction, multiplication, division

**English:** Narrative, non-chronological report, poetry

**Geography:** Mexico

**Science:** States of Matter

**Computing:** Repetition in Shape

**Art:** Sculpture

**French:** colours, calendar, celebration

Thank you for your continued support that you show each and every day - we really appreciate it. Ending last half term with Anglo Saxon Day was a huge success and that wouldn't be possible without the effort you put in to costumes; this really helps bring learning to life.

**General Reminders:**

This term we will be continuing to utilise iPads across a wide range of subjects in the curriculum. Please ensure your child's iPad comes to school **fully charged** so they are able to take part in all planned activities.

As the weather gets colder, please send your child to school with a warm coat for break and lunch times and a good jumper for PE days as we will still be doing PE outside.

Whilst it is always lovely to see new gifts, exciting stationary and new toys, please ensure that unnecessary toys are not brought to school. Not only do they cause distractions for children themselves and other children, but they do often get lost too. Speak with your child's class teacher if you are unsure.

**PE**

Children must come into school wearing their PE kits on these days. You also need a spare pair of trainers to leave in school for the mile run. Earrings must be removed and hair must be tied back for PE.

Mr Belton – Monday and Friday  
Miss Madeley – Monday and Friday  
Miss Wheldon – Wednesday and Thursday

**Homework**

Homework will continue to be set online. This will be set on a Friday and should be completed by Friday of the following week. This will include: Spelling Shed, Reading, Sum Dog maths, Purple Mash tasks and Times Table Rockstars. The children should now be confident entering and accessing these site but if you are having any issues please contact your child's teachers. Check Dojo for the weekly homework reminders.

**Reading**

Please read with your child at home as often as possible and sign this off in their reading records. Our expectation is at least 3 times per week and children are rewarded for doing this. Books and reading diaries need to be in school every day. Reading books can be changed once the children have completed their book quiz in school on Accelerated Reader.

**Snacks and water bottles**

Children are permitted to bring in their own snack for break time, which should consist of a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks. Children need to bring in their own named water bottle from home which should only contain water.

**Nut Free School**

There are children in school who have a severe nut allergy. Not only are they allergic to nuts, they cannot tolerate having food substances with nuts in. Therefore, we are a **nut free** school. Please ensure your child does not bring **any** nuts of food items to school which have nuts as a listed ingredient. Thank you.

**Mexico Day**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, we will be having a Mexico Day to celebrate our learning. Normal school uniform for this day. More details to follow on Dojo...

We had a fantastic first half term and we can't wait for the hard work to continue! It will be a busy time so if you have any questions, please see us at the classroom door at the end of the day or contact your child's teacher via Class Dojo.