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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and are ready for the new school year. The children have all had a brilliant start to the new academic year and are living up to the high expectations we have in Year 4. This letter includes some important information about what your child will be learning over the upcoming term as well as some key notices.

Maths

This term we will be focusing on number in our maths lessons – beginning with Place Value before moving on to Addition & Subtraction. At the end of Year 4 pupils will take a national statutory assessment called the *Multiplication Tables Check*. This check tests the pupils' ability to recall times tables up to the 12 times table. We ask that the children practice their times tables every week at home as part of their homework. There are many ways to practice this – songs, Times Tables Rockstars, Hit the Button, apps, games etc.

English

Our first class novel will be 'Anisha, Accidental Detective' by Serena Patel. We will continue to practice handwriting to increase the speed and fluidity of writing. Children will also be working towards their pen licence to move on to writing with a handwriting pen in their learning. Spellings each week focus on a different theme and will be sent home with the children to practise at home for their spelling test on a Friday. The children will be practising writing a variety of genres including narratives, explanation texts and setting descriptions.

Topic

Our first topic this year has a geography focus and is entitled "A tale of two cities: How do Manchester and Rome compare?" The children will be looking at the two cities within the European context and thinking about similarities and differences between these locations.

Science

In Science we will begin by learning how to group and classify living things (both plants and animals).

Other Subjects

Year 4 is a very exciting year in Music as all the children will be learning a brass instrument in our whole class cornet lessons. In Computing we will be learning about the internet, how it works and if we can trust everything you read online. Our big question in RE is 'What does it mean to live in a Hindu community in Britain today? In PE we will be practicing Invasion Games. Your child has PE on Wednesday and Friday. We will be continuing to learn Spanish – learning about zoo animals in the first half term. In DT this half term we will be designing, making and evaluating our own coin purses/wallets.



As part of this topic we will be thinking about sustainability and will be making our purses/wallets from recycled fabric. We are asking for donations of outgrown or damaged clothes to be used for this project.

Homework

Homework is an essential part of your child's learning and an amazing opportunity for you to engage with their learning. Homework is sent home on a Friday and is expected back in school by the following Thursday. Every week children should be practising reading aloud to an adult (at least three times per week), practising spellings for their spelling test, putting three of their spellings into sentences and practising times tables. Please ensure that you add a brief comment to your child's reading record when they read to you at home and return the book to school when it has been read in full to an adult to be swapped.

Other Reminders

Please ensure all your child's belongings are labelled as even in Year 4 it is easy for things to be misplaced. Children in Year 4 do not need to bring their own pencil case to school as we have all the equipment in class that they will need. However, we are more than happy for children to share any special achievements with the class!

Please keep an eye on our class page on the school website for up-to-date information.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sheldon
Lime Class – Year 4