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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed the half term break. The children have settled well into Year 4 and are working hard. Thank you for your continued support.

**Literacy:** We will be reading *The Wolves in The Wall* by Neil Gaiman this half term which will be linked to our Science work. Our learning outcomes will include postcards, descriptive writing, drama and report writing.

**Reading:** Please make sure your child brings their book bag and books every day. It is important that they read regularly at home and that you are supporting their reading by asking them questions. It is vital that you sign their reading record. Please encourage your child to come to early morning reading at 8.30am every day.

**Maths:** Our challenge is to know all our times tables to 12 by the end of the year. Please help your child to know their number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 off by heart. We will be using this knowledge to solve calculations and problems. Children will be learning about subtraction, multiplication and division this half term.

**Science:** We will be learning about sound in our Science topic which will include describing a range of sounds and how they are made and explaining how a sound travels from a source to our ears.

This term Year 4 are taking part in a STEM engineering competition that will include interviewing a real engineer.

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**Music:** We will be learning songs and creating music around the festival of Christmas. Also, linked to Science, the children will explore how sounds can change.

**French:** The children will be speaking French as they perform a story. They will continue to speak and write in simple French phrases and sentences.

**ICT:** The children will learn about using technology safely and respectfully. They will learn to design, write and de-bug programs.

**Homework:** Learning logs go out on Friday and are returned by the following Tuesday. Please help your child to practise the skills they have learned during the week by completing their tasks. Each Friday the children will have four spellings to learn for Monday.

**PE:** The children will continue to go swimming on Thursdays. Our PE focus will be gymnastics. Our P.E day is Tuesdays. Please ensure children have t-shirt, shorts, leggings, pumps and trainers in school. No earrings are allowed on PE days.

**RE** The children will be learning about 'journeys' in RE. They will think about their own personal journeys linked to Geography and the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

**Water bottles:** Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day with their name on.

**Weather conditions:** As the weather is becoming colder please ensure that your child has a water proof coat and appropriate shoes. If your child has wellies please bring them in on Wednesday for Forest School.

We are looking forward to an exciting half term! - The Year 4 team

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## Dates this half term

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Oak Class assembly

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need – donate £1 and Wear spotty clothes or Children in Need T-shirts

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – Badger Class Assembly

**Trips to the Lowry Theatre to watch The Stickman**

**Year 2** – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

**Reception** – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

**Year 1** – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – nursery am trip to Cockfields Farm

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – nursery pm trip to Cockfields Farm

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Delph band visiting

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception and Nursery performances at 10:00am and 2:00pm (more details to follow)

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 performance – 2:00pm

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Celebration parties at school (more details to follow)

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas dinner day – children to wear Christmas jumpers today.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 performances at 10:00am and 2:00pm (more details to follow)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Parents to collect children from school at 1:00pm. **NO NURSERY ALL DAY**

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## Year 4

## Autumn 2

