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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that both you and the children had a lovely holiday and have managed to settle back into the school routine. I would firstly like to introduce myself to you as your child's new Class Teacher. I look forward to meeting all of you in the coming weeks and at parents' evening. In the meantime, should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. This letter aims to provide some useful information about the current term.

## Curriculum Overview

This term, we have lots of exciting work planned to start off the year. We have commenced the year by revising and improving knowledge of place value in Maths and in English we are currently working on producing a letter to the new Head Teacher, by identifying and applying formal writing features. Below is an overview of what the children are focussing on in each subject this term:

- **Science:** Animals including Humans (the circulatory system, the digestive system and healthy lifestyles)
- **Topic (Geography/History/ICT):** Let's Invent
- **Art/Design Technology:** Bridges
- **RE:** Islam
- **French:** Revision of basic French vocabulary (including counting and greetings)
- **Music:** Brass instruments (trumpets and trombones)

## PE

We are privileged to have Coach Chris delivering his expertise in PE this term. Year 6 will have PE on a Thursday afternoon, as well as swimming on a Monday afternoon (which hopefully you should have already received information about).

## Homework

As I'm sure you're all aware, this year is going to be very busy for the children, with their upcoming SATs assessments and their transitions to secondary school. In order to ensure that they are fully prepared, I will be setting regular homework tasks. The children will receive their homework every Friday, which will be due to be handed in on the following Friday. They will receive regular spellings to practice, along with SPaG (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and maths tasks.

Reading at home is essential and comments in the reading diary relating to this are very useful. It is also important that the children become secure in their times table knowledge up to their 12 times table. Regular practise in both reading and times tables at home is crucial.

## Dragons' Den

In addition to the weekly homework tasks, this term Key Stage 2 will be holding an exciting Dragons' Den style competition! To coincide with our topic, the children have been asked to plan, design, create and evaluate an invention that makes life easier in some way. They have been encouraged to try to keep their costs as low as possible by using recycled materials.



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The final inventions are due in by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, when they will be judged and three designs from each year group will be selected to go through to the panel, where they will face the dragons and compete for prizes in the final!

### Water Bottles

Please ensure that your children come to school with a water bottle. As they often spend long periods of time focussing in lessons, it is vital that they remain hydrated.

### Labelling

Please ensure that all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's full name on them, so that they can be easily returned.

### Twitter

Please follow our class on twitter we will use this in an effort to keep you more informed about what we are doing and share some of the fantastic things that happen in school,

We will use the account for:

- Links to websites, apps and videos that you can use to support learning.
- Commentary about what is happening within the classroom each day.
- Informing you of events that are taking place.
- Videos and photos of learning as it is taking place in the classroom (your child will not be photographed if you have asked us not to).

In line with the schools safeguarding guidelines and to ensure that this facility is run safely, we have put in place security settings, so that we can only be followed by people we approve- this will not be available to the general public, only people we know have a link to the school. It is also requested that this should be for use by adults only, not for pupils to post comments.

If you would like to follow us on Twitter, our user name is @Year4Lea. You will need to set up a Twitter account if you do not already have one. So that we know who you are, please complete the form, which is available from the school office. In the interests of Internet safety I know many if you will have a username that is not the same as your actual name so it may be difficult to identify you so please give your known name. We will then accept your request and you will be able to follow what is happening within our school. We will not accept any requests to follow us unless the form is completed and returned to school.

We value the role that parents play in education and by working in partnership with you, we are able to fully support your child's learning. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Faithfully,

Miss F Mitchell

