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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to an exciting and very important time in your child's education. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some key information for the forthcoming term.

Our history question for the first half term is, 'Why was the introduction of Railways a significant turning point of British History?' and next half term our geography question is, 'What are the Seven Wonders of the Modern World?' In Science we will be learning about, 'Animals Including Humans' before half term and, 'States of Matter' after half term.

Homework this year will be set on a Thursday and is expected to be handed in by the following Tuesday at the latest. Each week there will be a spelling task on Spelling Shed to be completed online or in homework books. Children are expected to use 'Times Tables Rock Stars' to practise their times tables for a minimum of 15 minutes per week. Regular times table practise is vital as the children will be required to complete the statutory government multiplication tables check at the start of the summer term. In addition to this, the children are required to read at least three times a week at home. Please sign your child's reading record each time you hear them read, as this will be checked every Monday. As a reward for regular reading, your child will be entered into the fortnightly reading raffle to be given the chance of winning a book.

Please make sure that your child arrives to school on time. The doors will open at 8:35 and close promptly at 8:45. Children who are late for registration will have to make up the minutes lost at break time or lunchtime.

As always, we expect our children to adhere to the uniform policy at all times. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for all aspects of school, including PE. This consists of a plain white T-shirt, black or blue shorts and plimsolls. For outdoor PE, a warm top, jogging bottoms and trainers. PE lessons will be on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. As a school, we are following the new guidance that no earrings are to be worn for PE.

Please could we ask that all your child's clothing and equipment (including their lunch boxes and bags) are clearly labelled with their name. This makes it easier to return stray belongings to their rightful owner!

Fruit or vegetables will be available at break time each day along with milk. Your child is encouraged to bring water in a named, **clear** drinks bottle to use in the classroom, which can be refilled during the day. Water bottles are available from both offices – £1 each.

Toast is available at morning break for 20p a slice.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Coatsworth      Mrs Cooper      Mrs Ellis      Mr Noble

Year 4 teachers

