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Dear Year 4 parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a fun and restful time over Christmas. It has been good to see the children again and we are looking forward to more hard work, fun and learning over the term ahead. It is great to look back and think about all we have covered and learnt since September, and we know you have been supporting your child in their learning, so thank you for that.

In literacy this term we are following the National Literacy Strategy and learning about non-chronological reports, stories with issues and dilemmas, Viking legends and different styles of poetry. We follow both Lancashire and White Rose Hub planning documents in maths, and the work is organised to challenge every child.

This term our topics are The Invasion of the Vikings and Europe. In our Viking topic we will be looking at Viking raids, where they settled and the battles up to 1066. In our Europe topic we will be using maps and atlases to locate countries and cities, and looking at a range of physical and human features. In science our topics are 'moving and growing', and 'habitats'. We will be studying the skeleton in both humans and animals and looking at teeth and how to keep them healthy. We will be looking at different habitats and using classification keys. We will also be completing different food chains and webs. Some of our D.T. and art work will be linked to our geography topic, including making a money container. We will be looking at a variety of landscape artists and will use watercolours to create our own picture. In R.E. we will be looking at David and the Psalms, and the Easter story. In Computing we will be completing internet research followed by using a graphics package. P.E. will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and we will be going swimming on Thursdays throughout the term. Please ensure that your child has a complete, named P.E. kit in school every day and a swimming kit on Thursdays.

For homework, the children will be expected to read independently daily and complete their reading record. Please could you listen to your child read at least once a week in order to support your child in their understanding of the text. The children will also be given spellings to learn at home. Numeracy homework will now be completed using the computer program Mathletics. Your child has been given a password and username and will be set a number of tasks on the computer that they have to finish each week. The tasks will be set on a Wednesday to be completed by the following Wednesday and are linked to the work that has been taking place in class. It is also essential that the children continue to learn their tables as they need to know them all (1-12) by the end of the year.

There are parent and child consultations in March when you can discuss your child's progress but please do not hesitate to contact us before this if you feel it would be helpful, or have any queries or concerns at all.

We are very much enjoying teaching Year 4. They are a lovely, enthusiastic class, and it is great to see the progress they have already made since September. We are sure they will continue to progress over this coming year.

Yours sincerely,

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