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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you're all well and have had a lovely half-term break! Thank you for all your support last half term.

Our topic this half term is **Potions, Potions, Potions!** This will involve looking at the different states of matter. We have explored this in some detail before half term, but we will be looking at the changes to these states due to boiling and melting points. This means we will complete some exciting experiments in class. We will also be creating magic wands to cast our own spells!

Our big question this term is: **Does temperature change things forever?**

In **Literacy** this term, our literacy story is a wishing tale where a girl wants something so badly that she wishes to make a potion to grant it. However, in a turn of events, she realises she has made a terrible mistake. For our non-fiction writing, we will be looking at a persuasive letter. We will be continuing 'Charlottes Web' by E.B. White as our Guided Reading book which the children are enjoying.

In **Maths**, we will be expanding our knowledge of measurements, particularly length and perimeter, and multiplication and division. We will also be practicing our timetables, particularly 6 and 12's.

Our **circle time and PSHE** sessions this term are all about 'Celebrating differences'.

In **Modern Foreign Languages**, we will be practicing listening, talking, reading, and writing in Spanish, which will be taught by Mrs. Shorter.

In **Music**, we will be listening to sounds (texture) and talk about the effect it has on our mood and feelings.

In **RE** this term, we are focusing on Christianity and we will explore the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today.

Homework will continue to be handed out every **Friday** so you can choose to complete it during the weekend. The first set of homework will be handed out on **Friday 5th November**. Children will be set multiplication tables to practice on Timetable Rockstars and spellings on SpellingShed. Paper copies can be provided for anyone who experiences technical difficulties. Children will be tested on both their multiplications and spellings every Friday morning so it is in their interest to practice these.

Should there be any problems, please let me know.

Please ensure your child brings in their reading record every day with a reading book. We will continue to provide time for reading daily and children will have the opportunity to recommend books to their peers. We encourage reading to take place at home and record this into your child's reading record.

PE will take place on **Thursday afternoons** this term so please ensure your child comes into school wearing their PE kits. We will be doing circuits this term, with the aim that the children will improve their own fitness levels by comparing their performance at the beginning and then again at the end of term.

Mrs. Shorter will be covering my ECT and PPA time again this term and she will be teaching the class Thursday and Friday mornings.

I hope this letter covers any queries you may have but if you have any further questions, please email the school office.

Best wishes,

Miss Kirby and the Year 4 team