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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and we wish you a happy new year! Thank you for all of my amazing Christmas gifts and cards, I am truly grateful and I feel very lucky!

At the end of term, we said goodbye to both Miss O'Neill and Mrs Jesson who we will all miss very much. This term though, we are lucky to have Mrs Adams joining us in Year 3 and 4 and Miss Buck who joined us for the last few weeks last term.

Our topic this half term is '**Wild Water!**' with the big question '**Is flooding always bad?**' We will be developing our understanding of the Water Cycle focusing on evaporation, condensation, and precipitation to understand why water does not run out. We will also learn the different stages of rivers from where they start and where they end. In addition, we will be developing our understanding of flooding, exploring why it occurs, the pros and cons of flooding, and how humans have adapted to it. Our topic is Geography based but we will also be covering DT, Art, and Music.

In **Literacy** this term, our literacy story is a creation story called 'The Children of the Water God.' For our non-fiction writing, we will be looking at an explanation text. We will be starting a new guided reading book 'How to train your dragon' by Cressida Cowell.

In **Maths**, we will start by exploring multiplication and division, we will look at area and we will finish the term on fractions.

In **PSHE** we will be exploring 'Dreams and Goals'. The children will be exploring their dreams and emerge an understanding of being resilient and remaining positive to set new goals after a disappointment.

**PE** will take place on **Tuesday afternoons** so please ensure your child comes into school wearing their PE kits.

**Homework** will continue to be handed out every **Friday** so you can choose to complete it during the weekend if you wish. 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. We also ask that children read for 10 minutes every day. This can be by themselves, to you or a sibling. Please encourage reading at home as much as you can. If you could record at least two of these in your

child's reading record that would be great.

Please continue to ensure your child brings in their reading record every day with a reading book. We will continue to provide time for reading daily at school and the children will have many opportunities to recommend the books they are reading to their peers.

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

The **outcome** for this term will take place in the final week of term. There will be a letter to follow with more details.

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

Thank you again for all your support and we look forward to another exciting term!

Kind regards,

Miss Kirby and the Year 4 team.