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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and had a well-deserved rest over the half-term break. Thank you for your fantastic support throughout last term.

This term we will be launching our topic called **Sizzling Storms** which involves developing an awareness of how sound and electricity work. We will be exploring our big question - **Do all storms sound the same?** We will discover how sounds are made, how we hear sound through vibrations and identify electrical appliances by constructing circuits by exploring switches, conductors and insulators.

In **Literacy** this term, the children will be focusing on a rags to riches story using an extract from our previous guided reading book, The Firework-Makers Daughter. For non-fiction, we will be exploring a balanced argument text about nuclear power and different types of poetry. In guided reading, we will finish 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman before moving on to our final text which is 'The Street Child' by Berlie Doherty.

In **Maths**, we will be covering geometry focusing on properties of shapes, position and direction, as well as data handling, measurements and timetables. We have a timetable check coming up and more detail will be provided near the time. We will be focusing on our times' table knowledge and fluency in great detail this term.

Our learning in **PSHE** this term will focus on 'Changing Me'. Within this unit, we will be exploring the physical and emotional changes that happen to us as we get older. Children will be learning the terminology of male and female bodies that are necessary for making a baby. If you have any questions or queries about what we will be learning in PSHE, please email me or catch me at the gate after school.

PE this term is going to remain on a **Tuesday** afternoon focusing on athletics in preparation for sports day. Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit on Tuesday. If your child has their ears pierced, please make sure that they can remove their earrings themselves or provide plasters to cover them up. Children with long hair will need to have their hair tied up so please provide your child with a hairband if necessary.

For **homework**, children will continue to be given spellings to practice on **paper copies**

provided and times tables practice on **TTRockstars** every Friday. It is required that **both** of these are completed by the following Friday and handed in (paper copies of the times tables can be provided for anyone who experiences technical difficulties). Children will be tested on their spellings and times tables every Friday so it is in their interest to practice these. If you could also practice times tables that your child finds tricky with them at home, this would be greatly appreciated so they are prepared for the timetable check. We also ask that children read for 10 minutes each day. This can be to themselves, to you, or a sibling. If you could record at least two of these in your child's reading record each week, this would be appreciated.

The outcome for this term will be on **Thursday 14th July**. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

If you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to ask after school or send an email via the office.

Kind regards,

Miss Kirby and the Year 4 team.