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# YEAR 4 AUTUMN TERM CURRICULUM LETTER

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to school! I am so pleased the children have had a wonderful Summer break- they have come back to school looking smart and ready to learn.

This term, in our topic learning, we will be exploring subjects through 'big questions', which will promote enquiry-based learning:

## WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FOOD WE EAT?



**Science:** Linking to the book, *The Incredible Book Eating Boy* by Oliver Jeffers, in science, we will be learning about healthy diets and the digestive system. A key element of the digestive system is the mouth and teeth- we will be having a special visit from a Dentist to talk to us about the topic on Friday 12th October.

## WHERE DOES OUR FOOD COME FROM?

**Geography:** This term, we will be developing our map skills, by reading an atlas and maps to answer our big question! In addition to this, we will be exploring and researching different countries which grow the food we eat! I would love for the children to taste some too!

## Religious Education:

We will continue to follow the 'Come and See' programme and this term we will be studying the three topics: *People*; *Called* (a Sacraments topic); and *Gift* (the Advent topic). We will also learn more about Judaism this term.



**PE:** Please ensure children have their PE kit in school at all times. In Year 4, the usual day for PE this term is Wednesday. However, this will change from time to time, particularly due to the weather. Please refer to the Home/School diary to ensure children have the correct kit and please remember to write in your child's name.

**Literacy:** This term we have some really exciting books to explore. The children may take their copy home but please make sure that they bring it to school each day so that we can use them in the lesson, and, of course, please make sure that the books are looked after.



We are starting with *Clarice Bean 'That's me'* by Lauren Child and we will be learning more about ourselves and our families as well as creating our own very own version of the book!



We will then go on a Roman adventure, reading *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit and explore how to write newspaper articles. We will find out more about life in Roman Britain and have a go at creating our own mosaics.

As Christmas approaches, we will turn to a more traditional tale, reading *Papa Panov's Special Day* by Mig Holder before looking again at the Christmas Story in the Bible. In science we will investigate how sounds are made and have a go at making our own instruments.

**Maths:** The children will continue to learn new concepts in arithmetic, geometry, data handling and problem solving through *Maths Makes Sense*. Please remember to encourage your child to practise their multiplication tables – please ask if you are not sure which times tables he or she is working on at the moment. Our aim is to know all of the facts up to 12 x 12 by the end of the year!



Please do not hesitate to contact via the school office or home/school diary, if you have any comments, queries or concerns. Thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs Piano**