

### Don't Forget:

**Homework** is set on a Friday to be returned the following Wednesday online via Google Classroom.

**Spellings** are set on a Friday and tested the following Wednesday.

**Reading Journals** are to be filled in at least twice a week and brought to school daily. Please remind your child to bring them into class so their class teacher can add comments.

**Water Bottles** should be brought in daily.

**Uniforms** must be correct and labelled with a permanent marker. Shoes must be black; black trainers are acceptable, but they must not have coloured laces, soles, or trims.

### Maths:

This term, we will cover multiplication, division fractions, decimals and area. Children will apply their maths skills to real life problems which will develop their fluency and accuracy. Please support your child by helping them to practise their multiplication and division facts. Our focus timetables this term are our x3, x4, x6 and x8.

### History/Geography:

In the first half term the children will study Roman Britain with a focus on Emperor Claudius' invasion and legacy. After half term in Geography, we will be learning about environmental regions, key physical & human characteristics in Europe.

**Science:** This half term, we will revisit and expand on our Autumn term topic, Living Things and Their Habitats. We will be sorting and classifying plants in our locality and looking at human impact on the environment.

After half term, we will learn about Electricity. We'll explore the difference between mains and battery power, build simple circuits, and test materials for electrical conductivity.

Dear Parent/Carer,

**We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and New Year. Here at Highfield, we are looking forward to the term ahead. Our new whole school topic this term is *Our World, Our Future*.**

**After half term, the children will be taking part in a Virtual Exhibit with the Natural History Museum! We are all looking forward to that.**

**Should you have any questions. don't**

## Year 4 Curriculum News

Topic: Our World, Our Future

### French:

Our unit this term is *Ca pousse!* (*Growing things*). Children will read the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk* and learn about the life cycle of plants.

**PE:** Outdoor lessons will focus on invasion games and how to keep possession. Indoor lessons will be with our Sports Coach and will focus on dance and gymnastics.

### English:

At the start of the term, we will study *The Village that Vanished* by Ann Grifalconi, an African story of the Yao people. We will also be reading *The Green Ship* by Quentin Blake, an imaginary adventure set in a secret space. The children will write character and scene descriptions, alternative story endings and they will use dialogue in their work.

After half term we will be reading *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. The children will explore this text through writing newspaper articles and persuasive letters in the first person.

Towards the end of the term, we will research the wildlife at Woodcroft Wildspace and link it to our Science topic on the environment and human impact.

### Religious Education:

This term, our study of Islam will include the teachings of Prophet Muhammad, the importance of the 5 pillars of Islam and how they influence the daily lives of Muslims.

Later in the term, we will explore how Christians welcome babies into the community and how the church supports the local and global communities.

### Art & Design:

During the first half term we will be exploring the artist Banksy and his work and creating a piece of street art inspired by the work of Banksy. In DT, we will be designing and creating an Anglo-Saxon brooch.

### ICT:

This term, we will be learning to code using Scratch. We aim to make an educational game complete with a point scoring system.