



Friday 20th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term. I hope that the children are feeling refreshed, eager and ready to return to school.

Please remember, there will be a parent meeting on Wednesday 25th February straight after school (in the Year 4 classroom) to discuss arrangements for our upcoming residential trip to Longtown. The meeting is a chance for an informal chat about what the children will be doing and a chance to ask any questions. Children are more than welcome to attend.

Parents' Evening is on 11th and 12th March. Here there will be a chance to look through books and discuss your child's progress so far this year. A letter about this will follow soon.

Please see the Topic Web for further information about all the exciting learning opportunities we have lined up for the children over the next few weeks.

Reading

Reading continues to be highly important to children's development of comprehension skills, building vocabulary and increasing imagination. To ensure children are best prepared to access their learning in all subjects, reading regularly at home is essential. By this point in the year, there should be around 70 logs on Boom Reader for each child. Thank you to those that engage consistently with this – it really makes such a difference! Please take a moment to check your logs and let me know if I can support with home reading in any way.



Times Tables

I am delighted with the progress made by all pupils, with their accuracy and speed of times tables up to 12 x 12. We will continue to practise at school and expect children to regularly complete work set on TTRS. A reminder that the Multiplication Check takes place next term.

Spellings

Spellings are taught daily in class and there are no spelling tests to revise for. However, there is a piece of spelling homework to complete each week. There is also a list of words that children are expected to spell correctly, by the end of Year 4. It would help your child if you could spend some time practising the trickier words at home. They are regularly checked in school to see how well they are doing.

Homework



There will be optional homework activities set on Seesaw during the half term, to enhance what we are learning in school. The activities are designed to be fun and engaging, with different challenges to suit everybody. If your child does complete any of the work set, please record directly onto seesaw as well as bringing in any models/drawings into school to show to the rest of the class.

PE

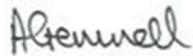
Miss Exley will be teaching PE to the class each Tuesday. On a Tuesday children should come into school wearing their PE kit.

As you will know from Mrs Preece's staffing letter, Mrs Smith will be taking over from me at the start of May. In the coming months, Mrs Smith will be in school for a class handover and to get to know the children before she begins teaching the class. There will be an opportunity for you to meet Mrs Smith, too. I am confident that the handover will be seamless but do let me know if you have any questions or concerns linked to this.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to remind you that I am always available for a chat about anything regarding your child's schooling, no matter how big or small. Just contact the office, catch me at the end of school or email me and I will be in touch at the earliest opportunity.

I look forward to welcoming the children back next week.

Kind regards,



Mrs Gemmell

Year 4 Class Teacher