



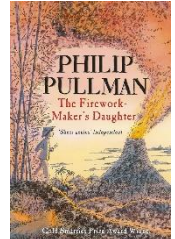
Tuesday 16th January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and you are all ready for the term ahead of us. This half term, Class 4D will be visiting Pizza Express to make their very own scrumptious pizza as part of their Design and Technology lessons. They will develop their dough making skills while becoming Junior Pizzaiolo Chefs!

Writing and Reading

During the Spring Term, Year 4 are exploring the book *The Firework-Maker's Daughter*. Through this we will be writing our own journey tales and instructional texts based upon the story. The children will be building on their Year 4 knowledge by developing their techniques. Our Book Club will be based around *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* too, thus giving the children the opportunity to answer comprehensive questions around the class text. We will also be performing and reading poems, plays and non-fiction texts in lots of fun ways.



PE

The children will have a double PE session on Fridays. This term the children will be taking part in dodgeball and basketball. Lessons will be held indoor and outdoor, so please can you ensure you send your child with the appropriate footwear and clothing for both. All children will need to wear their house t-shirt, with blue or black shorts, leggings or joggers that have **no branded logos or teams**. The children will need their P.E kit in school every **Friday** but they can leave their kit in school all week to avoid them forgetting it. We are very fortunate that we have a lot of sports specialists working with us this year so it is important your child has the correct kit so that they can take part.

Uniform

A polite reminder: That now the children are in Year 4 there is more onus on them to be looking after their own possessions and clothing. Please ensure you write your child's name into all items (including indoor footwear/plimsolls) as it makes it easier to return any lost items. A big well done to all those children who have remembered their sandshoes especially as the weather can be very cold and wet.

Homework

Spellings: will be handed out every **Friday** and the children will be tested the following Friday. To practise the spellings, children need to follow the 'look, cover, write, check' method. Children will be expected to get at least half of the spellings correct, in failing to do so they will spend their break time practising them again.

Times Tables: will be handed out every **Friday** and the children will be tested the following Friday. This is to help them towards their test at the end of the year. All children are also encouraged to use TT Rockstars and Timestable.co.uk to further help them prepare towards the test.

Reading: Children should be reading at home at least three times a week. Reading books will be checked every **Friday** to ensure that children are practising their reading. All books will also be changed if needed on a **Friday**. Unfortunately, if children forget to read at least three times a week, then they will catch up on their reading at Friday break time.

Many thanks,

Miss Dixon

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