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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a fun and festive holiday!

We have a busy term ahead which will finish with the excitement of the Year 3 and Year 4 performance. We hope the information in this letter will enable you to really support your children with their learning in order that they reach their full potential.

Class teachers – Mrs Georgina Berry (Wednesday to Friday) & Mrs Julie Pettigrew (Monday and Tuesday).

Teaching Assistant – Mrs Sharon Irvine

Parent Surgery

Please encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day so that we can resolve them as quickly as possible. If you do have any questions or concerns please let us know via the Home-School link book or book an appointment for our Tuesday Parent Surgery. If you wish to speak with Mrs Berry please contact the school office to arrange.

Spring Term Curriculum Coverage

Subject	Content
Literacy	Narrative writing Playscripts Non-fiction writing Punctuation Spelling of common exception words
Mathematics	Number & place value Properties of shape & symmetry Written methods for all four number operations Fractions & decimals Money
Science	Digestion & teeth Food chains
ICT	We are toy designers
Art	Viking portraits
History/Geography	Vikings & settlements
RE	Sikhism & the role of food in religion
PE	Swimming, invasion games & ball skills
Music	Pitch & beat



PSHE	Living in the wider world
French	Tell me a story

Learning Logs & Homework

Reading

Children are expected to read aloud to an adult at least twice a week in addition to reading independently at least three times a week. This is to be recorded in their Home-School Link books which will be checked on Mondays.

Spelling

Children will be issued with spellings on a Monday which they must learn for a test on the Friday. Children should practise their spellings frequently throughout the week with the support of an adult. They should then choose 5 words to put into sentences.

Mathematics

At the end of Year 4 the expectation is that they know all the times tables to 12. If you can please practice them at home it will really benefit their maths learning. Please could you also support your children with telling the time at home as this is an area of the maths curriculum that is best taught in a context.

Learning Log

The topics of this will vary from week to week according to our subject focus. Learning Logs will be given out on a Thursday and must be handed in on the following Tuesday. It should take children approximately 30 minutes to complete. Please do talk to your children about the work they are completing at home as this will help to consolidate their understanding.

PE

PE lessons are on Monday although your child needs to have a labelled PE kit in school at all times. PE kit is: black shorts, white t-shirt, outdoor trainers & dark tracksuit bottoms. If the children do not have their PE kit, they will be unable to take an active part in the lesson.

Swimming is at Hatfield Swim Centre and will be every Tuesday morning. Your child will need a swimming costume, a swimming hat (for long hair) and a towel. Your child only needs goggles if they have a prescription pair.

Library

On Thursdays each class has access to the library to choose a book they wish to take home. This is a great opportunity for children to access a range of texts of their choosing. Please make sure they bring back any borrowed books they wish to change on a Thursday.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office to arrange an appointment. We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Berry & Mrs Pettigrew