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Dear Parents,

 I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year. I would just like to start by saying thank you for the lovely cards and gifts – they are very much appreciated. Here is a letter explaining general information about homework, spellings, reading and PE lessons. For the other subjects, I have emailed a curriculum overview for this half term to inform you of the things I will be teaching in all the subject areas.

**Reading**

 Reading is vital to learning and we will be listening to the children read as often as we possibly can, so I would greatly appreciate for the children to bring their reading books and reading records in school every day. If they need to change their books, they will be able to place the books they have finished reading into the box available in our classroom and they can then choose a new book from the library. **The children should be doing about 10-15 minutes worth of reading every night and I would appreciate if they could be heard to read by an adult as often as possible and for this to be recorded in their reading record books.**

**PE**

 This term Year 3 and 4 will be taught PE every Wednesday and Thursday. The children will be taught PE every Wednesday by myself and on a Thursday by CUFC. I would appreciate for your child to keep their PE kits in school every day. The PE kit comprises of a plain black pair of shorts or black joggers, a white T-shirt, black hoodie (school or plain) and a pair of trainers. It is the responsibility of the child to remove all of their jewellery, therefore I advise that earrings are either removed before attending school in the morning or your child has a container to keep them safe.

**Homework and Spellings**

 Homework and spellings will be glued into the children’s homework books and will be **handed out on a Friday** and must be **returned by the following Wednesday**. There is a box in the classroom for the children to hand their books in. Homework will predominantly be either Maths or English based. Sometimes it may be completed using ICT or by hand, depending on the preferred way of working. If homework is completed using ICT then please ensure that it is glued into their books. If your child struggles with the work, please attach a note saying this and return to the school and I will work with your child on it in school. Their spellings will also be glued into their homework books every week and I expect to see evidence of them practising their spellings in the grid provided. Spelling tests will take place every Friday and children will complete the tests in the back of their homework books.

**Online Safety**

The internet is a tremendous resource for learning, leisure and interacting with other people, but there are potential risks that we all need to be aware of, to ensure we can help children and young people stay safe online. Therefore, we have regular online safety sessions to help equip them with the tools and skills they need to stay safe as they become more active online. Within school, we have strong firewalls to ensure children only have access to sites and programs that are age appropriate, and we all follow National online safety guidelines. Through conversations at school, we know many children already have parental controls on devices they use at home, but we encourage you to continue conversations about online safety at home too, so they know who to speak to if they come across something that worries them or makes them feel uncomfortable online. If you would like support adding parental locks please ask or use the following website for further support and advice. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Parental-controls/>

If you have any questions about any areas of the curriculum, please don’t hesitate to speak to me.

Yours Sincerely,

Laura Gibson