Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your child had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to the new term ahead. We are so impressed with how the children are settling into their new class and the new academic year. We have an exciting year of learning planned ahead and 'What's on your plate?' will form the main theme of our work for this term with many cross-curricular links. We are hoping to organise a trip to take place this term and there will be many other creative activities taking place in order to make the learning as experiential as possible. Please see the attached document for an overview of this term's subjects and themes.

Times Tables

As the children are becoming aware, times tables are incredibly important in all areas of maths work. **By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all times tables facts up to 12 x 12 and be able to recall these within 6 seconds. They will be tested on this in the Summer term in the statutory Multiplication Tables Check.** Please encourage your child to use Times Table Rockstars as regularly as possible – log in details, further information on the multiplication tables check and current heatmaps (demonstrating what pupils already know) will be sent out shortly. There are also many online games and apps to support children with learning their times tables such as 10 minutes a day. It is really beneficial to ask your child to randomly recall times tables facts, whether this is in the car, whilst cooking dinner or whenever suits you! Please contact me if this is something your child is struggling with as I can provide support/ideas to help at home.

Reading

We complete whole-class reading sessions daily in school where we explore a range of stories, non-fiction texts and poetry. We would still encourage children to be reading a diverse range of material at home. As the children have developed their understanding of the different genres that exist, it would be beneficial for your child to explore these genres and authors further at home. This will encourage them to take risks with their reading and to step out of their comfort zones. For the Autumn term, we will be focusing on the authors Jenny McLachlan and Tom Fletcher.

Spellings

As per our spelling scheme, **weekly spellings are set on a Monday and either tested on the first Friday or the following Friday.** Activities will be completed each day in

school however the children should also be practising regularly at home. If they can put them into sentences and understand their meaning, this helps reinforce their use and accuracy.

PE Days

Finally, just a reminder that our **PE days will be Wednesday and Friday.** Therefore, children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits on these days. Please ensure your child has adequate winter PE kit with them as the weather becomes colder. Swimming will take place later this term and you will be informed of any changes to PE days.

We look forward to meeting you at parent consultations in October, however if you have any queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Evans & Mrs Brannen