



'Enjoying Learning Together'

11 January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all managed to have a nice break over the holidays. It's great to see the children back at school and I'm hoping 2018 is going to be a really good year for us all. My thanks to all of you who worked hard on completing the holiday homework booklets. I've enjoyed reading them! Please note that Year 4 have now finished swimming for this year.

Our Topic this term is 'States of Matter'. The children will be investigating the differences between solids, liquids and gases, looking at how clouds form and researching melting and freezing points.

In English, we are starting a new project based around the children's novel 'Varjak Paw'. Varjak is a cat who flees his home and family, going in to the strange outside world in search of a dog that can help with their family crisis. On his journey, he learns powerful new skills that help him survive. Our writing focus will be to use expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and speech in our stories. Later in the term, we will be learning 'The Pied Piper' and writing our own versions of the tale.

In Maths, we will continue to explore multiplication and division through the use of arrays and our number rods whilst moving towards using more formal methods of multiplying. Later, we will move on to fractions.

We will be having PE lessons on Monday afternoons and Thursday afternoons. All children need to have their PE kits in school comprising of sensible footwear and appropriate sportswear (no vest tee shirts).

The children will continue chess every Friday with Chris.

Homework will be given out once a week. This will be related to topics already covered in English and Maths and a chance to revisit something they already know. Reading at home is also very important: we check the children's reading logs regularly.

Please ensure your child's belongings are clearly labelled, including school jumpers and PE kit.

Best wishes  
Robert and Rebecca  
Y4 Team