Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a super start to the Autumn term. We are so proud of the children and what they have achieved this year so far. It was so lovely to be able to welcome you into our school for parents evening and we thank you for your continued support. School starts on <u>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</u>.

This week has been celebrate our differences week, Year 4 has magically turned into South East Asia. We were very fortunate to have had a visit from Anna from Dance Wright who taught the children a dance from Thailand. The children also learnt about rice terraces in Bali and how rice is harvested, made Asian elephants and created vibrant Buddhist Mandalas using coloured rice.

In Maths this week, we have been consolidating our knowledge of addition, with the focus being on adding money and solving worded problems surrounding this.

In English, your children have been 'bossy' this week, as Year 4 have been exploring imperative verbs. The children had a go at making, eating and writing instructions about 'How to make Tropical Bananas'.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to send us a message on Seesaw.

Thank you and we hope you have a wonderful and restful half-term!

The Year 4 Team

## <u>Important Dates:</u>

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** - Celebrate our Differences Week Dress up day

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Half term Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November - INSET day

Thursday 4th November - Spooks and Sparkles Disco

Thursday 9th December - Christmas Pantomime

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term Congratulations to our certificate winners this week: Orion (4JJ), Elissa (4JJ), Tabitha (4TK), Ethan K (4TK), Milly (4SI), Jack (4SI). Children who received a Maths or Values certificate, will be celebrated in our main school newsletter released on a Friday.



## Times Tables

Please use TTRS over the break. TTRS is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. Each week concentrates on a different times table, with a recommended consolidation week for rehearsing the tables that have recently been practised every third week or so.

## Reading

Please read for 20-30 minutes each day. Fill in your reading log whenever you complete a book. Don't forget to give it a rating. When you reach the milestones that are printed on the log you will receive a prize in assembly. Please remember to use **Bug club** regularly to help improve your reading. All children are expected to read 10 Bug club books per term.