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NO
FULL STOP
TO LEARNING**

YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN TERM 1

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope you have all had a restful and fun filled summer.

I am really looking forward to the year ahead and have lots of things planned that I think the children will enjoy and find interesting.

I teach a lot using the school's new Mantle of the Expert approach and I will be employing this throughout Year Four. The approach encourages children to learn through imagination and the use of make-believe. This term, the children are working as if they are part of a professional mystery solving team called "Mysteries 'R' Us". In this make-believe context, we will be examining the book Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo and creating lots of detailed writing and mathematics work to help us solve the mystery of a man who has been alone on a desert island for over half a century. We have already begun this work and you are welcome to pop in to the classroom and see the displays that detail our learning so far.

We will be sending out the family maths books this week and also asking that the children read every day at home. The children will also be given their login details for Mathletics. Each half term we will send out a homework project to be completed by the end of the half term.

We will be taking part in the Daily Mile where we will run a mile each day. Please ensure your children bring trainers with them in a bag. PE days are on Fridays so please ensure your child has the appropriate kit.

We are assisted by Angela Prince who will be the class Teaching Assistant. She will be reading with children and helping with the delivery of class interventions.

On Thursdays the children will be taught by Nancy Manning and Lucy Hall who are extremely experienced, leading teachers within the school. Nancy and Lucy will be teaching maths, science and art. The children will also have music on Thursdays when the team from In Harmony will be here to teach them all how to play a musical instrument and how to play as part of an ensemble. I know the children will gain enormously from this.

Finally, if you have any further questions or wish to catch me for any reason at all, please either see me at the end of the school day or call the office for an appointment.

**Kind regards,
Jess Edwards**