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Dear Parents,

This Autumn term we are excited to be with our new classes and anticipating that the year ahead will be full of rich learning experiences for the children in Y3/4.

'Would you rather be Italian or English' is the title to our Learning Journey for this half of the Autumn Term. We will be learning about Italy as a country within Europe and comparing the physical and human features of this country with England. Children will be given opportunities to study a variety of maps, make comparisons, explore the culture, climate and environment of a different country and use IT to support their research work. As part of science the children will be explaining how a pizza made on one side of Exeter can be delivered to our school and still be hot! They will learn about conductors and will have the opportunity to design and make their own insulated pizza box. We plan to conclude this learning journey by giving the children the chance to promote and make Italian pizzas. Parents will be invited to view their work and taste their child's pizza during our end of term "wow" afternoon. The children will also have the opportunity to visit a restaurant and make pizzas. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

After half term, our learning journey will be "chocolate"!! Through the science topic the children will investigate changing and grouping materials into solids, liquids and gases. Through the Design and Technology lessons the children will be designing and making chocolate boxes which we will of course be filling in time to sell at the Christmas Fayre.

Useful Information

PE lessons.

Rougemont : Wednesday and Monday

Totnes: Wednesday and Thursday

Kingswear: Wednesday and Friday

Could you please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school, including appropriate footwear. As the weather gets colder, please ensure that they have tracksuit bottoms and a warm top to wear too. A text will be sent home each time a child doesn't have the appropriate kit.

Reading

We are keen to encourage a love of reading and to help this grow we hope that every child will have an opportunity to read every day at home. At Key Stage 2, your child is responsible for changing their own book using our new school library system. The library is open each day



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between 8.30 and 8.40. You can take your child along to the library to change a book. The children have the chance to complete the reading quizzes daily (after lunch). Children should be achieving above 80% on their quizzes so that they can move up to the next level. This needs to be authorised by your child's teacher who will write the level onto their green library card. The children will complete the "tests" regularly as this will give more accurate reading level ranges. Please be aware that the test generate the levels based on the results of their quizzes. The more they read, the quicker the levels will increase.

Spelling and Times tables

Children will be tested each Monday on their spellings and times tables. They will complete these tests on paper so that they can then be brought home. Please encourage the children to practise them all but pay particular attention to the ones they got wrong.

Homework

Please support your child with reading daily, practising their spellings and times tables. By the end of Year 3 the children are expected to know their 10,5,2,3,4 and 8 times tables and the division facts. By the end of year 4 they are also expected to know their 6 and 7.

Volunteers

We are on the lookout for parent volunteers who would be willing to listen to children read from each of the Y3/4 classes. One volunteer hour a week can make a huge difference. If you are interested please let us know. Thank you for the volunteers we already have in school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask your child's class teacher.

Many thanks,
The Y3/4Team

Miss Cox

Miss Bottrell

Mrs Turner Mrs Quinn