Dear Parents,

We hope everyone has had a lovely and relaxing Christmas holiday, and is looking forward to the New Year. We are certainly excited as we are starting our new topic: The History of Wimbledon!

We have lots of exciting events this term including dance workshops, theatre performances, diversity week, EE Challenge Day on the 15th February and World Book Day on 7th March.

We are also looking forward to our residential trip to Sayers Croft from 13th to 15th March. Information for this is being given out separately; please do come and see us if you have any questions.

Please ensure children continue to hand homework in on time and return library books on Tuesdays. They also need to continue to have the correct equipment ready for their lessons including PE kits which should always be in school. We will continue to use the homework diary as a means of passing on information, so it is important that it is checked regularly. If your child swims, please ensure they are supervised by an adult until a member of staff arrives.

It's going to be a fantastic term in Nightingales and Nuthatches!

Miss Vautier and Mrs Watson
Year 4 Teachers

Staff
Miss Vautier will be in Nuthatches every day. Mrs Watson will be in Nightingales four days per week. Mrs Lyne will be in Nightingales on Tuesdays. Madame Sharkey will teach French in both classes on Tuesdays.

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Homework diaries to be handed in on Mondays, signed by an adult. Children should be listened to reading each evening. Please make a note of this in their homework diaries. Children should be spending time on Times Table Rockstars as well as completing their allocated Mathletics homework each week.

English
This term we are writing a range of texts, from persuasive writing to explaining the digestive system to creating an imaginative story in a fantastical setting. Children will continue to focus on their spelling and grammar, ensuring that they include this accurately in their writing.

Science
This term we will be exploring the digestive system to understand how our body processes food. We will then be studying states of matter and understanding how they change.

Geography
We will be venturing out into the local area to complete a field study on Wimbledon Common.

History
We are excited this half term to be exploring the history of our local area. We will be finding out how the area was affected by World War 2, how it has changed since and why. We will also be taking part in “SNAP!” a photography project based on our local area in collaboration with Merton Music Foundation.

Maths
We will be continuing our work on multiplication and division before moving on to fractions and decimals, recognising equivalency and beginning to add and use them in a variety of contexts. Mrs Lyne will be focusing on teaching money and then time. We would very much appreciate it if children could practice telling the time at home, both in analogue and digital, as well as continuing to practice times tables.

French
Madame Sharkey will be developing the children’s vocabulary, focusing on family and pets.

PE
Nightingales will have PE on a Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Nuthatches will have PE on Thursday morning and Friday afternoon. Both classes will be doing dance and then after half term will be building on their football skills. Swimming will continue on Thursday mornings for children who are working towards 25m. Those who aren’t swimming will participate in netball.

Religion
The units for this term look at Creation and God followed by Birth Rites.

Computing
Computing sessions will be focused on technology in our lives and programming.

Music
We will continue to enjoy the challenge of learning the flute as well as musical notation in partnership with Merton Music Foundation.

PSHE
We will be learning about similarities and differences and then enterprise and money management after half term.

Art/DT
This term we will be looking at sketching and then creating papier-mâché masks, linking closely with English, geography and history topics.