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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that you had a relaxing half term.

Our topic for Term 2 is Extreme Weather, and our enquiry question is 'How does what's outside impact our lives now and in the future?'. This unit explores weather, particularly looking at the extremes such as floods, global warming and storms. During this topic we will be exploring the Lewes flood, other storms such as Hurricane Ian in Florida. We will also be keeping a weather journal by measuring the weather and writing our own weather forecast.

In English, we are starting this term by looking at the book 'Flood' by Alvaro Villa. This is a textless book about a family who encounter a flood, but end up coming back afterwards and repairing their home. We will use this book to describe the house during the flood as well as writing safety advice for how to weather proof your house. We will also be writing instructions to survive a natural disaster! Our guided reading text this term, which will also continue into next term, is The Explorer, by Katherine Rundell. As with Charlie and the Chocolate Factory last term, we have school copies of this book to share one between two, but if you would like your child to have their own copy in class, please send them in with it named.

In maths, we are starting this term continuing our unit of 'addition and subtraction.' The class have been working hard to learn the column method for both addition and subtraction. We are now looking at other methods such as using rounding and using the inverse operation to check our answer.

Our science this term is all about electricity. This is an exciting unit where we will be creating our own circuits, exploring conductors and insulators and thinking about electrical safety.

In PSHE this term we will focus on health and well-being. We will learn about the range of emotions we can experience and how it may affect mental health. We will learn what helps us to feel relaxed, to describe our strengths and how we could use these in school.

We are continuing to have PE this term on Mondays and Fridays. This term's focus is on movement and dance!

In Art, we will be exploring weather painting using watercolours and oil pastels. We will use the work of William Turner to inspire our creations!

Homework will be set at the beginning of the term and each child will bring home a homework pack at the end of the first week back. We will also upload the documents onto Seesaw. We would like the children to complete 2/3 tasks per week. Please do bring any work in we would love to see it! Our weekly spelling focus will be included in the homework pack.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to see us.

Yours sincerely,

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Year Four Class Teachers