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Dear Parents / Carers,

We can't believe the first half term has gone by already! The children worked very hard during this period, making a great start to the year and some good progress. It is lovely to see the children enjoying their lessons and wanting to achieve. We are so proud of the way the children have returned to school and settled into their learning after such a disruptive year last year.

Many of you are making a really big effort to support your child at home with their homework – we are very appreciative of this and it will benefit them enormously. Please can we re-iterate that the Friday Challenges are designed to help you to share in your child's learning and are not meant to require more than 20 - 30 minutes of time (unless you choose otherwise). Other suggestions for homework you might like to try are listed at the end of this letter.

Whilst the above are optional, we think it vital to continue to stress the importance of reading at home with your child. We can't emphasise enough how important reading is to children; it underlies everything else and so we would urge you make an even bigger effort this half term. We would hope that every child reads for a minimum of 15 to 20 minutes at least 3 times per week. Your child will benefit immensely from such a boost. We will continue to collect your child's reading record in once a week, allowing us to see their reading habits and to provide a quick and easy means of communication between school and home. Weekly practise also applies to the 'Learn It' cards that the children have to help them improve their maths. Your child should also have been given the login detail for Spelling Shed and Times Table Rock Stars. Regular use of these will also support your child's skill development in English and maths.

We will continue to use ClassDojo as a communication tool. It is lovely to share some of the children's experiences and successes with you. Please continue to use ClassDojo as a way of sharing your child's Friday Challenges and the work they continue to do at home.

This half term is usually very busy and hectic with all things Christmas! Even though we will not be able to share these experiences with you as we normally would, we want to ensure we make this time as special as we can for the children. We will still be holding our Christmas making afternoons and practising Christmas Carols for our own Carol Service. Hopefully, we will be able to share some of these experiences with you through ClassDojo.

If you have any questions about any of the information included in this curriculum letter, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher through ClassDojo.

Yours sincerely,

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LKS2 class teachers



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Curriculum area	Topics, ideas, and skills for development this half term	Homework ideas linked to the curriculum areas
<b>English</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information texts</li> <li>Play scripts</li> </ul>	Read non-fiction texts on a subject that interests your child. Re-enact a play with your child. Visit <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsn4h39">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsn4h39</a> to look at different playscripts.
<b>Mathematics</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addition and subtraction</li> <li>Telling the time</li> <li>Times tables</li> <li>Learn Its</li> </ul>	Continue learning your tables and 'Learn Its' so they can be recalled rapidly. Visit <a href="http://www.mathplayground.com/games.html">http://www.mathplayground.com/games.html</a> to access a range of educational games relating to our maths topics.
<b>Science</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Animals, including humans</li> </ul>	Create a human skeleton using resources at home. Visit <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcyycdm">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcyycdm</a> to find out about the topics we will be studying.
<b>History</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ancient Egypt</li> </ul>	Research on the internet to find out about Ancient Egypt. Make a model of the Great Pyramids or the Sphinx etc. Watch the Ancient Egypt Horrible Histories on the internet. Go to <a href="http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Egypt.html">http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Egypt.html</a> to find out about the Rosetta Stone.
<b>ICT and Computing</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manipulating media</li> </ul>	Watch some cartoons and listen for the sound effects that have been used. Watch some cartoons with the sound off and ask your child to add their own sound effects.
<b>Art and Design</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canopic Jars</li> <li>Christmas and Winter Art</li> </ul>	Make a container to keep something special in. Can you find any other examples of Egyptian art?
<b>PE</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gymnastics</li> <li>Cricket</li> </ul>	Ask your teacher for the 'What's your name, fitness activity sheet.'
<b>Music</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ancient Egypt</li> </ul>	Visit <a href="http://www.historyforkids.net/egyptian-music.html">http://www.historyforkids.net/egyptian-music.html</a> to find out about Ancient Egyptian music. Make a musical instrument.
<b>RE</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas and Epiphany</li> </ul>	Find out about the period of advent. What does the word mean and what are Christians celebrating during advent?