Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful half term break. We have an exciting term planned and look forward to working with you and your children.

**English**

Our written work this half term will be based around the fascinating book, ‘Lost Happy Endings’ by Carol Ann Duffy. This is a magical tale aimed at children of all ages, about what happens when, one night, a wicked witch steals the happy endings to bedtime stories. It is up to Jub, the keeper of the happy endings, to save the day and ensure sweet dreams.

We will begin by working towards writing our own diary entries as a character from the story, then later in the term, the pupils will write a prequel to the story.

Our grammar work will focus on paragraphing, direct speech, conjunctions and fronted adverbials.

**Maths**

In maths, we shall be beginning with measurements focussing on length, followed by fractions and decimals. This will include formal written methods. We shall also be interpreting and constructing a variety of charts and graphs in statistics.

Any support you can give at home will make a huge difference to your child’s learning. In particular, it would help if you could provide experiences of using money and calculating change, learning multiplication tables and telling the time on analogue clocks.

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**Things to Remember:**
- PE kits in school every day please. PE takes place each Wednesday and Thursday.
- Please sign reading records and complete homework. Thank you
- Please label all items—lunchboxes, PE kits, water bottle, uniform etc.

**Dates for Your Diary:**
- Friday 8th November—Italian Inspiration Day
- Week commencing 18th November—Assessment Week
- Friday 29th November—Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 6th December—Christmas Fayre
- Friday 13th December—Christmas Lunch
- Monday 16th December—Tinsel Disco
- Tuesday 17th December—Year 4 Christmas Party
Integrated Curriculum

Our Integrated Curriculum unit this half term is Viva L’Italia!
All our learning will focus on gaining evidence to answer this question:

Is there more to Italy than just good food?

The children will take part in an Inspiration Day on 8th November where they will taste Italian foods, learn some Italian phrases and complete art activities.

In Science the children will be looking at grouping living things.

The focus for French will be being able to discuss where we live.

In R.E. we will be looking at Incarnation.

PE this half term will be participating in gymnastics and tag rugby. 4J will continue to go swimming every Monday afternoon.

PSHE this half term will focus on celebrating differences where we will look at challenging assumptions, first impressions, judging by appearance, accepting self and others, understanding influences, understanding bullying, problem-solving and identifying how special and unique everyone is.

Music will focus on the music of Abba where we will listen and appraise different songs as well as developing our own vocals.

Design Technology will focus on designing and making a pizza linked to our topic on Italy.

Additional Information

Reading Diaries should be taken home each night so that home reading can be recorded and signed. Three quality comments and signatures per week allows the children a smiley face towards their merit card awards. Children should read a variety of books. Little and often is the key to success.

Homework continues to be given out on a Friday (Spellings, English, Maths) and should be returned with an adult’s signature by the following Wednesday. Spelling tests will now contain a bonus word. Look out for it in the school hall, on the school website and on Twitter!

We really appreciate your support and it will make all the difference to your child’s progress.

We hope that this will be a successful half term for everyone. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes from all the year 4 staff.

Ms White, Mr Murray, Miss Bailey, Mr Kuriger, Mr Stonehall, Mrs James and Mrs Jones.