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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This half term our learning question is “Why do so many people in the world live in megacities?”, based around using our geographical skills. The study of this topic is very important because over half of the world’s population now live in towns and cities - in the United Kingdom this figure is over 80%. During the lifetime of our pupils, urban populations will continue to grow rapidly around the world and particularly amongst the poorest countries, as they develop economically. Through enquiry, the children will explore some of the reasons the population of cities has increased. Towards the end of our learning journey, we will be looking at the advantages and disadvantages of living in a megacity. If any of you or your family have experienced living or working in a megacity and would like to offer your first hand opinion, please email the office as we would love to share this with the children.

PE: This half term, our PE days are Thursday (as usual) and Friday as we will be taking the children to WestGate Leisure Centre for swimming lessons. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time (8.45am), on Friday especially. As always, please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school at all times. A navy or black tracksuit is required throughout the winter months so that your child can enjoy their PE lessons without getting cold.

Design Technology:

This half term, the children will be designing torches using their scientific knowledge of electrical circuits. For this, we will need a selection of clean recycling such as small cardboard boxes, tubes, plastic bottles etc. for the children to construct the casing of their torches. We will send out a letter nearer the time but we just wanted to make you aware so that you can begin holding back some recycling.

Many thanks for your continued support and encouragement.

Kind regards,

The Year 4 team
Miss Wadey, Mr Lammas, Mrs Willis, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Aldridge and Miss Reeves