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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.

Science: We will explore electricity and then apply our learning to making a torch in DT.

Reading: Reading is a key aspect of our curriculum. It helps to improve vocabulary choices and is a transferable skill. Please continue to read with your child and motivate them to read several times a week. We have been very encouraged with the reading that has been taking place, making reading part of your child’s daily routine is a great way to open those future doors of opportunity.

Times Tables: Times Tables practice continues to be an important part of your child’s home learning routine. As we mentioned at the beginning of the year, all year 4 pupils will take part in the national Multiplication Tables Check this term. The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. The check is undertaken online in a very similar format to a Soundcheck on Times Tables Rockstars so playing on TTRS little and often as well as reciting facts aloud will help them to approach the check with confidence. Soundchecks will continue to feature in the weekly homework that your child brings home on a Monday.

PE: This half term, our PE days are on a Tuesday and Friday. We will be learning and practicing our golf skills as well as preparing for Sports Day through athletics.

Please make a note of the following dates for your calendars:

Friday 15th May - TTRS Rockstar Hairstyle Day

Friday 22nd May - Sports Day

Remember to check the topic grid overview, found on the school website to see more information about your child’s learning.

Many thanks for your continued support and encouragement.

Kind regards,

The Year 4 team