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Dear Parents,

We hope you have a relaxing half term. We look forward to a packed half term with lots of new topics to be covered. This is an outline of the subjects we will be covering next half-term.

Topic/ History	Our new topic is based on the Ancient culture of Benin. We will look at how the culture developed, what beliefs were held and how Benin became part of the country of Nigeria
Science	In Science we will be studying Sound, including how it travels and how we hear sound.
Maths	The pupils will further investigate angles and explore the properties of shapes. They will also describe movements between positions as translations of shapes. Pupils will learn how to solve and compare information presented in all types of graphs. With measurement, pupils will convert between different units of measure and calculate the area, perimeter and length of different shapes. The pupils will continue to solve related multi-step word problems involving all operations and continuous practice of multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.
English	In English we will be finishing our topic on moral dilemmas, then move on to looking at the story of Henry's Freedom Box, during which we will write newspaper articles. Finally we will look at the poetry of Benjamin Zephaniah and create our own descriptive poetry.
PE	Dance and Games each take place once a week. 4T - Tuesday and Wednesday 4S – Tuesday and Wednesday 4W - Monday and Tuesday In dance we will be learning and creating dances based on the Charleston, and in games we will be developing our netball skills.
RE	Our new RE topic will based on the question 'What is a miracle?' We will look at some of the miracles Jesus performed and what they mean about his character and to Christians today.
Computing	In our computing sessions we will become musicians, and use a range of different software types to create backing music for film sequences.
DT	In DT we will be exploring what makes our food healthy. We will then design and create our own healthy salads.
French	In French, we will imagine that we are going shopping for food. We will learn to ask how much something costs and give opinions about food.
Music	The children will continue to develop their ability to identify, by ear, the steps, leaps and repeated notes in a melody. They will then move on to create a melody from a set of intervals.
PSHCE	Our aim this term is to develop the children's knowledge and understanding on how we build relationships with others. We will continue to work through our Dot Com booklets.
Trips	To be confirmed.

The children will continue to receive three pieces of homework each week. Maths homework will be given on a Monday, which is due in on Friday. Spelling words will be set on Wednesday, to learn for a test the following Wednesday. On a Friday, homework will mostly be linked to the topics we are studying in class at the time and remains to be due in on the following Monday.

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Yours sincerely,
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