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Dear Year 4 Parents,

Welcome to Year 4! It has been a pleasure getting to know your children during the transition session and upon returning to school this term.

Before school

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you about some of the routines that we have in place to ensure a smooth and productive day. In the mornings, the outer cloakroom door will be opened at 8.45 am to allow children to use the cloakroom pegs. There will be a whiteboard under the sheltered area by Class 4's cloakroom for parents to write on, reference any arrangements for collection of your child after school. Please encourage your child to then return to the playground until the bell rings. Before the bell, the classroom door will remain closed. We welcome parents to pop in and speak with us about any pressing issues, therefore keeping the door closed enables more sensitive conversations to be held in confidence. Children are not permitted at this time to wonder into the classroom with bookbags, water bottles etc. until the bell has gone at 8.55am and they are brought in after lining up.

Reading books

Your child will now have received a reading colour band or free readers. They have also been informed how to change their books and which books they can select to read. We expect children to read at least 4 times a week, each for 15 minutes to a grown-up. If they achieve this target, they will get a reward sticker as well as a housepoint. The space in the reading records is limited, so please just update us on what pages they've read and then initial. We will be checking these every Monday, although book bags should be brought into school every day as they may have an opportunity to read 1:1 to an adult.

Homework - Spellings, Times Tables, My Maths, KIRFs and Topic

Spelling homework will be given on a Tuesday during a SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) lesson and the spelling rule/pattern will be explored. Each child will have a set of words to learn and an accompanying activity. Spelling tests will then take place on the following Monday. Please note, spelling homework provides a good opportunity for children to practise their joined-up handwriting. During Year 4, if the children can show their ability to use joined-up handwriting across a range of subjects then they will be awarded with a pen licence. This is something that we would like all children to aim to achieve. Every Wednesday, the children will complete 'Times Tables Olympics', which assesses their times tables and corresponding division fact knowledge. The children will start with the basics and work through them at an individualised pace. Once the children complete all the questions correctly in the time frame given, they will move onto the next time table. From this test, your child will be able to inform you which times tables they are currently learning and we advocate for these to be practised at home. By the end of Year 4, the expected standard is that the children know times tables and corresponding division facts up to 12x12.



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'My Maths' homework will be set each week on a Thursday, with the expectation that it is completed by the following Wednesday. KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) with which we will assess children in the week before each half term. Topic homework will be given each half term and this gives the children an enriching opportunity to explore the curriculum further. If a child has not completed a piece of homework, it is expected that they will complete it during their lunch time, so we really do value your support in ensuring your child keeps up to date. Each homework task should take children around 20 minutes to complete and it is important to establish good routines now, to help them in the future. If your child is finding a piece of homework difficult, please encourage them to come and seek help before it is due, so we can spend some time supporting them.

PE and Swimming

Children are expected to have the correct PE kit and to leave it at school all week. The children will have regular PE lessons on a Tuesday afternoon. This term, Class 4 and 5 will be going swimming and this will take place on a Wednesday morning. Your child will be informed if they are going swimming. If your child has reached the expected standard from the last years lessons, then they will stay in school and have a PE lesson.

Trips

From time to time, there will be trips planned. It is useful for us to know if you are available, DBS checked and willing to assist on these. If anybody is interested in helping us listen to children read this term, we would also be interested to hear from you.

We have lots of exciting things planned for this term. They are an enthusiastic class and we look forward to working with them this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to pop in and speak with us. We look forward to meeting you all.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Brown, Mrs Brown and Mrs Downs

