



Year 4 – Autumn 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

I hope you all have had a restful summer, I am excited to finally start my new role in year 4. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting your children this week and beginning our journey into year 4 together. This year, Year 4's teaching assistants are Mrs Dunk, Mrs Penson and Mrs McAlpine. As part of our English curriculum this half term, we will be reading 'There's a boy in the girls' bathroom' by Louis Sachar (ISBN: 978-1-4088-6910-9). All of the English and writing purposes will be based on this text and I would be very grateful if you could purchase a copy of this book for your child and send it into school with them.

I hope you find the information below helpful and I look forward to meeting you next week.

School Uniform and PE

We have been delighted that the children continue to look smart. Please follow the school uniform policy (including hair accessories) and all items of uniform are labelled. Please ensure that your child comes to school in a warm / waterproof coat as the weather begins to change. PE is provided by *Planet Soccer* and our sessions are on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. In addition, we are very lucky, this term, to be able to go swimming on a Thursday afternoon and more details will soon be available about this.

Fruit and water

Children may bring a healthy snack (fresh or dried fruit or vegetables only) with them to eat at break times. Please do not send any nuts or kiwi fruit. We encourage the children to drink plenty of water, so please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school.

Home learning

Reading: Children should read daily for at least 20 minutes and be encouraged to read books they enjoy, but also attempt different genres and authors. The children will continue to use the Accelerated Reader Scheme and will be independently choosing their book from a wide variety of books. We would encourage you to continue to take time out to read with or to your children, to enable them to enjoy stories, ask questions and learn to love reading throughout their life.

Multiplication Tables: Please practise quick recall of multiplication tables. Daily use of Times Table Rock Stars will help with this.

Weekly Task: The children will receive a maths and an English (comprehension or grammar) or topic based task which will be handed out on a Wednesday. Please could this be returned the following Monday. These should take about 20-30 minutes if children are focused in a quiet environment. Please do not let them go beyond 30 minutes per piece of home-learning or leave it to Sunday evening as this will only create anxiety for your child and create a negative attitude towards home-learning.

Communication

If you would like to contact me, please advise the school office by email or telephone. I will endeavour to call you back at the earliest and convenient time. We will always contact you if we have concerns about your child.

Thank you for support in your children's learning.

Kind regards,

Ms Robson