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Class 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year.

We hope that you all enjoyed the Summer break and have managed to enjoy some sunshine and stay safe and healthy. We are really looking forward to teaching your children this year.

Staff in Class 4 make a great team and are experienced in working with me in Class 4 and in Key Stage 2. The children have settled in so well and are so pleased to be back in school.

Just a reminder, that the children go straight into class Please pull in the Drop-off zone. Staff will meet and greet you. If you are in a parking bay, please wait for a member of staff to collect your child to cross the car park.

Timetable- All the children will have a copy of our lesson timetables for this half term.

Indoor PE- At the moment we would like PE sessions to be outside as much as possible.

Games- This will be with external coaches. We hope to offer some other sessions on other days where possible. P.E kits need to be in school on Monday to Friday. A change of socks would be advisable.

Swimming- We will investigate the possibility of swimming for Years 5 and 6 at some point in in the Summer Term. We will keep you informed.

Cycling Proficiency- We hope to continue this for Year 6 later in the year- we will look at arranging dates/ times.

Homework:
Spellings: The system of focusing on patterns for spellings to create words to learn at home is working well. Thank you for your help and support with learning these. We will complete a Spelling Test and give new spellings on Mondays.

Please let us know if you think that your child may need a different list of words for any reason:

- Monday- language activities to completed by Wednesday.
- Tuesday- time to learn spellings for Monday's test using Look/ Say/Cover/ Write / Check. The children need to record this in their Homework books and is due in on Wednesday.
- Wednesday- Maths activity to be completed by Friday.
- Thursday - time to learn tables. Your child needs to learn three sets of tables. This will extend to multiples of 10/100 etc and decimals

- Friday- topic or reading/comprehension task and homework diaries filled in with someone at home in the front of their diary.

In addition, the following may also be given, from time to time:

- Topic related research.
- Science activities or SATS questions related to science.
- DT modelling.

All homework to have titles and dates (words in English, numbers in maths and underlined). English written in pen. Maths completed in pencil.

Homework Diaries

The system of having homework diaries in school works well. The diaries are needed in school each day. Please let us know any comments that you have or any difficulties that the children have encountered by writing notes in their **Homework Task Books** as they complete a task. Thank you for your helpful comments, these really help the children to become more organised. Please sign your child's Homework Diary over the weekend at the end of the week, ready for us to check on Monday.

Reading Challenge

As you know we introduced the Reading Challenge system, whereby we are asking every child in the class to read daily five days each week for 15 minutes and for you to initial the chart in the back of their reading diary. These are checked each week and periodically we give out on the spot rewards for children who are up to date with this. Already this is helping to further develop their reading skills

Our topics this term are :

Literacy

Letter writing
Poetry
Diaries
Persuasive/ Argument writing
Narratives
Biographies
Non-Fiction texts

Maths

We continue to work from the Key objectives from the Maths Curriculum and will be covering all aspects of Maths, particularly those identified in any assessments.

Science

Revise heart, organs etc
Properties of materials and changes and how light travels

IT

Will be taught within our topic curriculum and other subject areas.

History/ Geography

World War 2- including local communities
Mapping skills
Earth in Space
Forces and Gravity

General
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns. I always welcome any feedback.

We are continuing with our target system. The children have their targets for Literacy and Numeracy. Now that we are back in the full swing of the curriculum we will be resuming the routine of sending them home on Friday to be returned on Mondays.

Slips/ Notes
If you are unable to chat with me at drop off, then please either email the school office or feel welcome to drop a note into your child's Book Bag. We will conduct a daily check.

Dates:
SATs 2024 – 13th – 16th May -Year 6 SATs
Residential – 3rd – 7th June 2024

Future dates/Events
We would really like to see you at some of the forthcoming award assemblies, as your child achieves their certificates and other school events.

Thank you for your support for all that we are doing to develop the children's learning.

Many thanks,

Sarah Reynolds
Head Teacher and Class 4 Teacher