

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Year 4 team would like to welcome you as parents and carers. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. Please find below information about the term ahead.

### Meet the Year 4 team:



**4A** - Hi I'm **Mrs Goodall** and I'll be teaching 4A. I'm also the Assistant Headteacher of Lower Key Stage 2, covering Years 3 & 4. I'm lucky enough to know a lot of children in the Key Stage having taught a lot of them either in class or in Maths or Phonics when they were in Year Two. I can't wait to have a full class of eager Oak Green students again, I have missed 'regular' school so much. I am looking forward to working with you all this year and sharing my love of Harry Potter! Working with me in 4A this year are Mrs Khan, Mrs Jackson & Mrs Charlesworth.



**4B** - Hi everyone, I am **Mrs Shorter** and I am really excited to be teaching in year 4 this year; I will be teaching 4B Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I am lucky enough to know how awesome they all are as I taught them last academic year on a Wednesday afternoon. We have some brilliant topics planned and even get to read Harry Potter! I very much look forward to getting to know you all better over the coming weeks.



**Mrs Wilding** calling - hello, year 4! It will be great to have you all back in school - we have all missed you. I will be teaching all of year 4 on certain days and 4B on a Thursday and Friday. We have lots of fantastic learning opportunities to share with you. During this strange period, I have spent a lot of time playing the piano, cooking, baking and gardening - I even managed to cut my own hair (badly!). I have still managed to keep up with all my exercise - hope you are all fit and well and raring to go! Working with us in 4B will be Mrs Street.



**4C** - My name is **Miss Allen** and I am new to Oak Green this year! I am very excited to be working with year 4 and I have heard wonderful things about all the children so I think this year is going to be great fun!

Here are 3 facts about me:

1: My favourite colour is red.

2: I have a black cat called Tybs, who is very old and grumpy.

3: My favourite book is Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. I've read it at least 10 times!

I'm looking forward to getting to know you all and having a brilliant time at Oak Green!

Working with me in 4C is Mrs Ramzan.



### **Important changes to note:**

For the foreseeable future, due to Covid-19 and the changes we are making to keep everyone safe in school, this year we are asking that P.E kits are kept at home and **worn to school in place of school uniform on PE days – 4A Monday, 4B Wednesday & 4C Tuesday.** This is to minimise the need for mixing classes to get changed and will allow the kit to be washed each week. Therefore, it is vital that the correct PE kit is worn to school on Wednesdays:

**Our school PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt or polo shirt and black shorts / joggers. Children MUST have appropriate trainers / plimsolls for sports, black is preferable. Due to health and safety reasons please ensure children are not wearing earrings or other jewellery on a Wednesday.**

If a child arrives to school in PE kit which does not follow these regulations, you will be asked to bring the correct kit to the office. If a child forgets to come to school wearing their kit on PE days, we will phone home to ask a PE kit to be brought in.

For the foreseeable future, children will keep all of their belongings under their desks in the classroom, therefore we are asking that items brought in from home are kept to a minimum – **no pencil cases or toys are to be brought in** – everything your child needs will be provided for their own use.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with our commitment to keeping us all safe and healthy!

### **Absence:**

While we hope that your child is never absent from school, if they are then please ensure that you send a letter, telephone the school or speak to the class teacher. Please also make sure that all of your contact details are up to date so that we can contact you if your child is unwell. **Please ensure you follow all of the additional guidance from Public Health/Government and the school regarding Covid-19 symptoms.**



### **The Year 4 Curriculum**

**English** – We will be beginning the year by studying character change stories before writing our own. Please encourage your child to tell you the story of ‘Grolt’ using our special Talk for Writing actions.

**Maths** – We will continue to teach the full year 4 maths curriculum to develop our understanding of number, arithmetic, geometry, measure, data and reasoning. We will continue to use Times Table Rockstars and Cracking Times Tables each week as we encourage children to learn their times tables facts and they need to be able to recall them at speed. In year 4, children now sit a timed times table test so practising is essential.

**Science** – We will be investigating the human digestive system, particularly teeth and then moving on to exploring food chains.

**Topic** – Romans Rule - these lessons include Geography, History, Art and D&T. We will be learning all about the Romans and the impact that they had on the world and will be making our very own ceramic mosaics.

**RE** – In RE we will be studying the sacred texts of many different religions.

**PSHE** – Values, communicating effectively and healthy relationships.

**Computing** – We are software developers and game designers!

**PE & Games** – Year 4 would usually go swimming throughout the year but due to current circumstances this is not possible. We will be instead taking part in athletic training and rounders.

**Music** – This is the term where we will be learning some African drumming!

### **Home learning:**

Your child will be bringing home a jigsaw puzzle of Home learning. Details of how to complete this are included with it. In addition, each week your child will be given spellings for home learning. Children will need to learn the spellings in preparation for the weekly spelling test.

### **Reading**

Children read daily at Oak Green School. Good reading skills are vital in allowing children to make progress and we ask that you read with your child at home **every day**. Please record any reading your child does in their KS2 planner. Children need to remember to bring their reading book into school every day as well as their planner. We ask that these books are looked after and returned in the same condition as you received them. Any books which are lost or damaged will need to be replaced at a cost of £5 per book.



### **Drinks & Snacks:**



We suggest that your child brings in a bottle of water to school, in addition to the drink with their lunch. Only water is allowed to be drunk during lessons. **This needs to be labelled with their name to ensure children only drink from their own bottles.**

If desired, children are allowed to bring in a fruit snack to eat at break time.

### Our Golden Values

**We show respect by:**

- Being honest
- Being kind, helpful and gentle
- Looking after property
- Listening
- Doing our best



Every Friday the children are rewarded with Golden Time. Children who choose not to follow these values may lose part of their Golden Time.

**Please keep an eye on your emails for correspondence from the school regarding any upcoming important events.**

Should you have any questions, please feel free to come and talk to us on the playground. If there are concerns you would like to discuss in private, you can speak to the office who will arrange an appointment for you.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Goodall, Mrs Shorter, Mrs Wilding & Miss Allen

Year 4 Team