



Dear Year 4 Parents,

We would like to welcome you and your child to Year 4, and hope that they will be very happy. This letter is to inform you about the topics your child will be covering in school in the Autumn Term. We are very lucky to have wonderful and experienced Learning Support staff with us this year: Miss Limmer, Mrs Davies and Miss Dinning (Rowling Class) and Mrs Salt and Mrs Bruce (Tolkien Class). We welcome Mr Rose to the year 4 team, who will be covering Mrs Heath whilst she is off sick. Mrs Vadgama will continue to teach in Rowling on a Thursday and Friday. Ms Dimech will teach in Tolkien Class.

Well-being

The well-being and happiness of the children is of the utmost importance to us. We will be having regular PSHE sessions throughout the year exploring the children's feelings, friendships and how to express their emotions. In our classrooms we have class Worry Boxes for the children to anonymously share any worries they have. During PSHE sessions, we will address any worries further and share ideas for coping. All staff have received additional training to address the well-being of the children, in-line with the guidance released to schools.

Maths

We will be continuing with daily maths lessons and will follow the Power Maths Scheme of learning which embeds the mathematical skills through practical activities and reasoning. We will also supplement this with the White Rose Maths Scheme of learning. Please see Curriculum Web for the maths we will be learning in Autumn Term. We will also be having sessions in the afternoons to practise the Maths that the children would have been taught in Year 3 Summer Term.

The children will be issued a maths homework diary. This is to record the practising of mental maths, number bonds, timetables etc.

English

During English lessons, we will be focusing on reading a novel (Oliver Twist), SPAG (taught through a story) and regular spelling sessions. Children will be given a Spelling Shed username and password which will help them to practise and learn the required rules for year 4.

In addition to this, the children will all complete a Star Reading test to ascertain their Accelerated Reader level. Once they have finished reading a book, they will need to complete a quiz online. The children will all be provided with this information. Some children will need to some extra support so will continue with Benchmarking alongside Accelerated Reader.

Big Writing Talk homework will be put on e-schools on a Friday in preparation for our Big Writing sessions on a Thursday.

Science

The Science topics for this term will be 'Living Things and their Habitats' and 'Sound'. During this time, we will be giving the children the opportunity to carry out scientific investigations.

Art

In Art, our resident artist for this term is L.S. Lowry. As a culmination of their learning, the children will produce a piece of art inspired by our Victorian topic.

Computing

During our allocated time in the computer suite, the children will be using the computer for developing writing and word processing skills. They will also be learning about Internet Safety.

Topic – History

In History this term, our topic is called 'Who wants to be a Victorian?' and the children will be learning about what life was like in Victorian times.

Music and P.E

PE and Music will be on Monday mornings for both classes. **Children must wear their PE kit into school on a Monday. They will wear their PE kit all day.** Please remember that no jewellery is allowed on PE days. Full PE kit is expected which includes green shorts, dark track suit bottoms (optional), white T-shirts and plimsolls or

trainers. Please ensure long hair is tied back. Finally, it is recommended that all children have a bottle of water to maintain hydration.

Religious Education

In RE we will be following the RE scheme of work called 'Come and See'. The first two topics this term are 'Family' which looks at the family of Jesus and 'Belonging' which looks at the sacraments of baptism and confirmation.

Homework

Homework will be set **every Friday**. Children will be expected to complete tasks on My Maths, Spelling Shed and Times Table Rock stars, all of which are to be accessed and completed online.

There will also be a spelling worksheet to complete and return weekly.

The Big Write Talk homework will be uploaded onto e-schools on a Friday, in preparation for Big Writing on a Thursday morning.

In addition to this, the children will receive another piece based on what has been covered in class that week, which could be Topic, English or RE. This work needs to be returned to school on the following Thursday.

Children will continue to bring home a Maths Diary to record any maths practice in, it should be filled in daily and signed weekly by parents. The children are expected to do 10 minutes of maths daily. Any practice your child does on Times Tables Rockstars or MyMaths should be entered into the diary.

Reading records should be completed at least 3 times per week and should be signed by an adult. Your children should read daily for at least 15 minutes to improve their comprehension and fluency. The children should be given opportunities to read aloud as often as possible.

Both diaries will be checked every Thursday, however we expect the children to bring these into school daily.

Allergies

Please can we also remind you how vitally important it is that the children do not bring any food containing nuts to school as we have children who have severe nut allergies.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact us via email if the need arises.

We look forward to an exciting school year.

Thank you again for your co-operation and on-going support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Dimech Mr Rose Mrs Vadgama Mrs Heath
