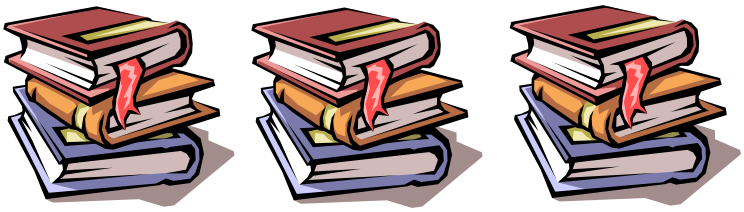
Welcome to Year 4

Welcome back to a new school year, we hope everyone had a fantastic Summer break. We hope this newsletter provides you with useful information you might need for your child's coming year.

Doors open at 8.30 so that children can read to an adult. We encourage children to get in at this time to support their reading and comprehension skills. Doors are locked at 9:00. Please arrive on time!!



Meet the staff

Mr Waters—Assistant Head Teacher

Miss Hartnett—Class 14 teacher

Miss Carroll—Class 15 teacher

Mr Mulvihill—Class 16 teacher

Mr Hoyle—Behaviour mentor/ Higher level teaching assistant

Mrs Best—Higher level teaching assistant

Mrs Riley—Learning support assistant

Mrs Roberts—Learning support assistant

Mrs Rookes—Learning support assistant

The Curriculum

Every day all children have at least one Maths and English lesson. The rest of the time is spent on other subjects. We have organised the year into different themes.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Victorians	Rainforests	Ancient Egypt

<u>Homework</u>

Children in Year 4 will receive 2 pieces of homework each week. They will get Spellings homework on a Wednesday, which is due back in school on a Friday They will also receive Maths homework on a Monday, which is due back in school on a Thursday.

Children are also expected to read their reading book every night in addition to the homework set.

Children in Year 4 are provided with a reading record, which they take home. Parents are encouraged to listen to their child read each night and write a short comment. Children will be awarded house points if they read at home.

We ask that you check your child has completed their homework as this helps children to organise themselves properly in preparation for later school life.

Attendance

It is vital that your child attends school every day for them to reach their full potential. Children are expected to arrive in school from 8:30, which is when they will read to an adult and complete comprehension tasks.

Behaviour

We have high expectations of children in Year 4 and this year we hope the standard will be even higher. The older children are given increasing responsibilities and are expected to act as role models for the younger children in school. We use a positive approach to behaviour where we praise and reward those who set a good example. We are firm and consistent when dealing with unacceptable behaviour.

Out of School Activities

We pride ourselves with the excellent range of extra-curricular activities the school provides. We hope that as many children as possible will take the opportunity to participate in the activities available throughout the year. A letter has gone home in the first week to specify clubs children wish to attend. If children are taken out of a club, they will not be able to

Multicultural Evening

Multicultural evening will take place on Thursday 19th of October. This is an excellent opportunity for all the family to sample foods from different cultures. There will also be a firework display at the end of the evening.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

The school has a breakfast club which runs every school day from 7.00am to 8.30am. This costs only £1.50 per week. After school club runs each day after school, until 6:20. This costs £3 a day. Please ask a member of staff if you are interested.

House Points

After an incredibly successful few years, the house points system for all children will be continued. There are 4 houses – Lions, Tigers, Panthers and Jaguars and all the children and staff in school have been organised into one of these houses. Each child will be provided with a t-shirt in the colour of their house to be worn for all PE activities, as well as house coloured book bags. House points will be awarded for a full week's attendance and for other things e.g. wearing school uniform every day, being helpful and for consistently working hard. Every Friday there will be a house assembly where the House Cup and the Attendance Cup will be awarded the team with the most points. Results of each week's house assembly will be displayed on the corridor.

Speech and Language Therapy Our professional therapist will continue to undertake assessments and then provide a tailored programme for individuals and groups of children in Speech, Language and Communication. This programme will begin this half term for some children.

Uniform

It is vital that all children come to school in uniform and we really appreciate your help with this. Additionally children must have appropriate PE kit which includes suitable footwear. Pumps are available from the school office for £3. If children do not bring suitable footwear for PE then they will be provided with a pair of pumps and parents will be charged. Other items of uniform, including our new hooded jackets are available at the office.

Swimming

Children in Year 4 will need a swimming kit when it is their classes turn to go swimming. Swimming is part of the national curriculum and all children are expected to participate. Swimming is an important life skill and we hope to increase the confidence of all children and develop their swimming ability. Class 16 will be going swimming this term on a Monday and Wednesday.

Parents open day

On Thursday the 12th October there will be a Parents' open day, where parents can come through the school day or on the evening to meet their teacher. This is a great opportunity for you to meet and talk to your child's new teacher and discuss progress so far this year.

Good work assembly

This year, parents are invited to come to our good work assemblies. Children will be sharing some of their hard work and achievements from the year so far. The first assembly for Year 4 will be on Wednesday 4th October at 2:45.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and please feel free to contact myself if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Waters—Assistant Headteacher / Year 4 leader