

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back for the summer term of Year 4, following what turned out to be another unusual and challenging term. I hope you have all managed to enjoy the Easter holidays, and perhaps, some long-awaited company in your gardens or out and about. Below, are a few reminders and details for this term.

Staff

Year 4 will continue to be taught by myself, and Miss Anderson on Monday and Friday afternoons.

PSHE

After another lockdown, spent at home full-time for many of our pupils, we will be continuing to deliver a range of extra well-being activities over the course of this term to ensure the children are as happy as they can be and willing to discuss their feelings and emotions during these difficult times.

Reading

Even though the children are now approaching upper key stage two, it is still extremely beneficial for your child to read at home, both independently and to an adult. The reading system in school will continue in exactly the same way as it has done up to now. Children are expected to read at least four times a week at home, for a minimum of ten minutes each time, and have this recorded in their reading record and signed by an adult. They can earn a reading sticker every week and these will be collected on their own bookmark. Classes will continue to compete for the highest percentage of readers. **Please do not forget that reading records must be handed in on a Monday to be awarded a sticker.**

Homework

Pupils will receive homework in their books every Friday. It must be returned to school by the following Wednesday. Firstly, the children will all receive a set of spelling words to learn for the following Friday ready for their test. These words will be sent home on a sheet which you can keep and practise from. They will also be added to Spelling Shed in time for when you receive each set of weekly spelling words. Secondly, Year 4 will receive a times tables task to help them prepare for the Multiplication Tables Check at the beginning of June, and for the school assessment of 288 times tables and division questions. Finally, there will be another task which relates to some of the learning which has taken place in the classroom during that week.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will continue to take place on Monday and Friday afternoons, and will be outside wherever possible. Trainers will be required as these offer more protection outside. Long hair should be tied back, and all jewellery must be removed. Pupils may bring a pair of tracksuit bottoms, if they wish, for if the weather is ever a little on the cooler side.

Reward Systems

Our usual school reward systems will also continue, just as they have been previously. Pupil of the Week will be awarded on a Friday. The green jumper will be sent home with the child on a Friday and must be washed and returned to school by the following Friday please.

Parents/carers may wish to wash the jumper again, or you may prefer for your child just to wear a badge instead. Class Dojo points will continue to be in place in the classroom with the two highest scoring children receiving a treat from a special prize box instead of group Golden

Time. 'Wonderful Work Wednesday' will be given each week in the classroom and Excellence Awards will be given out at the end of every half-term.

Core Subjects

Please see the table below for what we will be covering in English, Maths and Science:

English	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Narrative: Issues and Dilemmas, Novel as a theme Non-Fiction: Persuasion - sales pitch/article Poetry: Kennings, Cinquain
Maths	Measurement, Properties of shapes, Position and direction, Statistics Problem solving and reasoning
Science	Sound Electricity

Foundation Subjects

Please see the jigsaw which accompanies this letter for what your child will be covering in the foundation subjects this term. Subjects will be blocked to allow for more of a sustained focus. I will be sending home 'knowledge organisers' for some of these topics which will summarise the key areas of learning and highlight important vocabulary and terminology.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you would like to arrange to speak to me. I will always get back in touch with you as soon as I possibly can.

Thank you and best wishes.

Mrs. J. Coates