



Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Welcome to Year 4. We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting new school year!

General Overview of the Term's Learning

Here's a brief overview of what to expect this term in Year 4:

- **English:** We will focus on poetry that creates images and stories that raise issues followed by persuasive letter writing. In VIPERS we are reading Song of the Dolphin Boy by Elizabeth Laird and A Dangerous Game by Malorie Blackman.
- **Maths:** This term's maths curriculum will include place value, addition and subtraction, measurement and multiplication and division.
- **Science:** Students will explore living things and their habitats and electricity.
- **History/Geography:** Our lessons will focus on how we can live sustainably and find out who the Anglo-Saxons were and what was important to them.
- **Art/DT:** This term we will explore story telling through drawing. We will investigate through designing and creating pavilions.
- **Music:** Our lessons will focus on musical structures through learning how music brings us together.
- **PE:** In PE, we will develop skills in football, basketball, gymnastics and dance.
- **Computing:** This term we will focus on online safety and computing systems and networks.
- **RE:** In RE we will discover how festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish families and why the Trinity is important to Christians.
- **Lifeskills:** This term we will be learning how to keep ourselves safe and healthy. We will also explore relationships and appropriate touch.
- **French:** Our learning will include topics such as forming basic sentences and 'fruit'.

PE Day

Physical activity is a vital part of our students' development. PE day for Year 4 will be on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days, ready to participate in a variety of sports and fitness activities.

Home learning

This year we are focusing on reading as our required priority homework. Therefore, we request that all children read their school reading book every night and get their reading records signed by a parent/carer/older sibling. Further information on this will be shared at our open afternoon on phonics and reading.

We will be sending home weekly spellings for children to practise from Reception-Year 6, which will be tested weekly. We will also be sending home log ins for Times Tables Rock Stars and Maths Whizz for children from Y2-Y6 to continue their maths learning at home. Please note that the spellings and maths home learning will help your child consolidate their in-school learning, however is not mandatory.

Healthy Snacks and Hydration

We strongly encourage children to bring healthy snacks for break time that will keep them energised and focused throughout the school day. In addition, it is important that children bring a water bottle to school each day. We kindly request that only water is provided in these bottles.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out, or get in contact with the school office.

Kind regards,
Mrs Curnow and Mrs Endean
Year 4 teachers