



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank everyone who was able to attend our recent Welcome Sessions. It was wonderful to meet so many of you and to share information about the year ahead.

We have put together the key information for the Autumn term in one place, including curriculum highlights and other useful reminders. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful term!

General Overview of the Term's Learning

- **English:** We will be learning how to write warning and defeating a monster stories, writing persuasively and how to write detailed reports. Our guided reading fiction texts are 'The Middler' and 'Wolf Brother'. We will read poems and non-fiction texts related to our learning in History, Science and Geography.
- **Maths:** This term's maths curriculum will include Place Value to 10,000, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division.
- **Science:** Pupils will investigate 'Living Things and their habitats' and 'States of Matter'.
- **History/Geography:** Exploring why The Anglo-Saxons came to Britain and what life was like for the Vikings, and Rivers and latitude and longitude study.
- **Art/DT:** 'Storytelling through drawing' in the style Laura Carlin and Shaun Tan and our DT unit focuses on structures and pavilions.
- **Music:** Our lessons will focus on musical structures.
- **PE:** Pupils will play Tag Rugby and Netball outside and focus on Gymnastics and Dance in the hall.
- **Computing:** This term we will learn about Internet Safety and Computing Systems and Networks, as well as coding using Scratch.
- **RE:** Pupils will consider the questions; 'How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people?', and 'What is the Trinity and why is it important to Christians?'
- **Life skills:** This term we will think about how to 'Keep Healthy' in particular how certain foods affect our performance; how to 'Keep Safe' by riding bikes safely and being aware of distractions on the road; and our 'Growing and Changing' unit focuses on relationships and 'appropriate touch'.
- **French:** We will begin with Phonetics before moving onto Presenting Myself and then My Family

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 activities.

Home learning

This year, our key homework priorities are reading and spelling. We ask that all children read their school reading book at least five times each week for around 20 minutes per session. Children should also complete the weekly assignment on Spelling Shed to help reinforce their spelling learning in school and regularly participate in times table practice on TTRS.

Regular times table practice is strongly recommended as it is an important foundation for future maths learning and will prepare our children for the Multiplication Times Table Check (MTC) in June.



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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 Endean, Mrs Goldsworthy and Mrs Blewitt

Year 4 Teachers