



Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents and carers

### ***Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter***

Well! Where did the Summer Holidays go?

As some of you know I am quite the busy bee and attempt to fill my holidays and weekends with as much adventure and fun as possible, so coming back to school has been quite a shock to the system as it has no-doubt been for you and your children! However, I hope that the fun and enjoyment which we experience at home and with our nearest and dearest will extend into our lessons and school experiences to create a nurturing, positive and very productive learning journey for us all.

Accompanying this letter is a curriculum map which is a brief outline of the work we will be covering this term.

Below are some other useful bits of information you may need:

- We have three Teaching assistants in Y4 who will support all the children throughout the week:
  - Mrs Roper will be in all day on Monday plus Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.
  - Mrs Hudson will be in Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and Thursday morning.
  - Mrs Mitton will be in on Friday afternoon.
- Mr West will be taking **P.E.** on a Tuesday morning. We ask that appropriate indoor and out door kits are in school all week and include warm jumpers, track suit bottoms and a change of socks to avoid soggy feet! Can I also remind you that jewellery and ear-rings should be removed and appropriate tape should be provided from home to cover recently pierced ears.
- We advise that long hair should be tied up during school to avoid 'Visitors' and especially during P.E. for health and safety reasons.
- As the weather becomes chillier, please ensure children come to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves.
- Please send your child with a named **water bottle** and ensure the water is fresh every day.
- Regular weekly **home work** will include reading, spelling, times tables and a maths activity (which once I have become competent) may include an 'Active Learn Maths' challenge which is accessed online. These online resources often disguised as games, are a fun way of embedding the concepts studied during lessons and can be tailored to your child's ability and level of confidence. The more they play, the more they develop their skills!
- Please encourage your child to try their best in completing their homework and reading challenges. Do not hesitate to write me a quick note in the reading record if your child has found their tasks challenging, we want homework to enhance the children's learning not hinder them! **Reading records** will be checked on a Tuesday morning and we hope to see them signed by an adult three to four times a week. We will set and collect homework as well as test **spellings and times tables** on a Wednesday morning.
- Year 4 need to renew their **painting aprons**. Please could you see if you have any old, oversized shirts/t-shirts that would be suitable. We would appreciate it if you could alter them to fit a child of approximately your child's size (i.e. cut off long sleeves).

I am delighted to be working with you and your child as they successfully progress on their learning journey this term, should you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's work, welfare or any other matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Faithfully

Miss Z. Grix

Year 4 Class Teacher

