



Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer.

Just a quick reminder that children need to arrive in school between 8:40 and 8:55am. After this time, the doors will close and children will have to go through the main building to register with the office as late. Outlined below are expectations for Year 4 and overviews of topics that we will cover during the Autumn term. We will be hosting a virtual 'Coffee Morning', where we will explain more about the year ahead and be able to discuss any questions from parents about the curriculum. *The date for this will be sent out in the coming weeks.*

**Sensible Pencil cases-** In Years 3-6, children need to bring their own pencil cases (which must be able to fit in their trays) with equipment to use every day at school. Essential equipment for daily work includes: HB writing pencils, felt tips (sharpies are not appropriate), a small sharpener, a rubber, a 30cm ruler, colouring pencils, an uncoloured glue stick. Please note that parents and carers are responsible for replenishing pencil cases as KS2 class teachers are not provided with extra equipment to do this - glue sticks are particularly scarce and used in every lesson. If you have any concerns about providing these resources, please email the office.

**Reading** - It is a school-wide expectation that children should read daily and that this is recorded in reading records (by the child or an adult). It is important that children bring in their records and take them home every day. When reading, please mark down the date, book title and the pages read. Record books will be monitored weekly by an adult.

**Homework** - Each week, children will be expected to practice their spellings and times tables to support their in school learning. Children will be given 10 spellings to learn and will be tested weekly on a Friday. Your child will be given a purple homework book to practise in, which will also contain some helpful strategies for learning spellings. ***Please note, there is no requirement to hand these in.*** We would also like children to spend 30 minutes a week on either TT Rockstars or Mathletics to practise their times table recall, in preparation for the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check.

### Curriculum

**Maths** - This term will start with recapping and developing our knowledge around numbers and place values up to the 1000's. Children will be learning to round to the nearest 10 and 100, as well as comparing and ordering four-digit numbers. In addition, children will be practising how to add and subtract with four-digit numbers, where exchanging is needed. Times tables sessions and arithmetic lessons, which will involve practise of the four operations, are also planned to develop children's fluency and competence.

**English** - We will be focussing on non-fiction writing including travel brochures and non-chronological reports, as well as writing in first person for diary entries. In SPAG, we will be focusing on using powerful language, conjunctions, expanded noun phrases, rhetorical questions and using the correct tense.

**Topic** - Our topic is 'Ancient Egyptians'. We will be using our history skills to discover what life was like in Ancient Egypt; exploring pharaohs, pyramids and mummies. We will be adopting a cross-curricular approach, whereby our topic will be incorporated into our English lessons and will lead our Art projects for the term, which will include making mummified fruit and making Egyptian cartouche out of clay.

**Science** - We will be learning about Electricity this half term through a range of theory and practical lessons, where children will learn about electrical safety, simple circuits and conductors.

**RE**- We will be following the Croydon RE curriculum (SACREA). This half term we will learn about Christianity and the lifestyle of Christians.

**PE** - The children will have outdoor P.E. on a **Wednesday** and indoor PE on **Friday**. Please remember to name all PE clothing and ensure your child wears the correct clothing to school on their set PE days.

Once again, we will be using **Seesaw** as a key method of communication. We would really appreciate it if you sign up to Seesaw to receive notifications, messages and pictures. Please note you will need to enter a new code for Year 4. Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns. We are available most days before and after school or alternatively you can make an appointment through the office if this is not convenient.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Patel (4P) and Miss Gould (4G) and the Year 4 Team