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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome message from the Year 4 team 2024/25

We hope that you have all had a fantastic summer and are feeling as excited as we are for this new chapter. The Year 4 team is ready and waiting to ensure that the school year ahead is filled with creativity, productivity and many new challenges for the children to tackle and learn from. In the summer term, the children will complete a multiplication check, therefore, we will be working hard throughout the year to ensure they are confident in their times tables up to 12.

Year 4 is an exciting year for the children and we are looking forward to taking them to Kilve Court for their Year 4 residential in April. We are equally looking forward to meeting and working in collaboration with each of you. We hope that you are also able to enjoy the approaches to learning that Year 4 encompasses and join us in celebrating the children's many accomplishments along the way.

On Tuesday 17th September we will be opening our doors at the end of the day for you to visit the classroom and meet our team.

Staffing

Teachers: Miss Wood and Mr Smith

TAs: Mrs Palmer and Mrs Pritchard

This year we will be sending out termly, year group newsletters (in addition to our weekly purple pages) to keep you up to date with our year group news and inform you of our upcoming learning.

Term 1 Learning

<u>Writing</u> Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers - Narrative The Whale by Ethan and Vita Murrow - Newspaper report and narrative Theseus and the Minotaur - Narrative	<u>Maths</u> Place Value - Numbers to 10,000 Addition and Subtraction - 4-digit numbers
<u>History</u> Ancient Greece	<u>Geography</u> Antarctica

<u>RE</u> Judaism - The relationship between Jews and God	<u>Science</u> Grouping and classifying living things
<u>PSHE</u> Being me in my world	<u>PE</u> Year 4 Fundamentals
<u>Art</u> Ancient Greece	<u>Music</u> Words, words words - Inter-related dimensions of music
<u>Computing</u> Computing systems and networks - The internet	<u>French</u> Colours Body parts

What will my child need and when?

Forest School

Forest School Session this term:

- Maple class on Friday

For these sessions, it is important that children are dressed in weather-appropriate clothing to remain safe. Each child must have the following items available for each session:

- Long sleeved t-shirt
- Long trousers
- Wellington boots
- Spare pair of socks
- Waterproof trousers and coats
- A hats and pair of gloves (winter months)

Physical Education

All Year 4 children will need their full PE kits in school every Monday. Monday PE sessions will be taught by sports coaches from Forever Sport.

This term, in addition, Oak Class will need their PE kits on Tuesdays.

Children are expected to have an appropriate PE kit, including:

- A purple school PE t-shirt or plain purple t-shirt
- Black shorts, leggings, or joggers
- Trainers and/or daps

We advise that the children take their PE kits home every Friday to ensure the kit is suitable for the following week.

Home Learning Expectations:

Reading

We encourage children to read on a daily basis, whether this is the school reading book or a book of their choice, recording this in their reading record at least 3 times a week.

Your child can record in their reading journal independently, however, we also strongly welcome parent comments in these journals as this is a great way to maintain positive attitudes towards reading and home-school contact. Reading journals will be monitored by teaching staff on a weekly basis.

Homework

This year we have launched a school wide homework proforma. Children will receive their homework on a Friday and are expected to complete this by the following Wednesday.

Homework will include a selection of activities for example; times tables, maths, spelling and handwriting activities.

In addition to this, children are encouraged to engage with **DoodleMaths and DoodleTables** via <https://doodlelearning.com/> for ten minutes per day.

Non-negotiables:

Children are expected to be fully equipped with their reading record and water bottle every day - these are to be taken home at the end of every school day. All children are expected to arrive at school each morning wearing the full and correct uniform. School shoes must be worn and uniforms should not be embellished; sandals, trainers, jewellery and cosmetics are not permitted. If they arrive in school without the correct uniform then spares will be provided for the school day.

Please, do not hesitate to come to us with any questions or queries throughout the year!

Many thanks,

Miss Wood and Mr Smith

Year 4 class teachers