

## **Year Four Information**

Dear Year 4 families,

It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming your children to Year 4. We have been so impressed with their positive attitude and ability to slip back into school routines. They have all made an excellent start to the year and although they were not able to be in school last term, we have been delighted with the quality of their work. This letter aims to give you an outline of what you can expect during the year.

**Teachers:** 4AL Mr. Lockwood 4KT Mrs. King (M/Tu/W) Mrs. Trahern (Th/F)

**Teaching and learning assistants (TLAs):** Mrs. Leggett and Mrs. Martin

### **The curriculum:**

The first half term is being spent focusing on not just the core skills and ensuring children have experience in the learning that they may have missed last year but also wellbeing. Much of what we have covered has given the opportunity for talk and discussion around feelings and worries. In English we are basing our work on a beautiful book called 'Wisp'. The children are producing wonderful writing from the stimulus as well as discussing its theme of hope. They have also created some lovely art work.

**2<sup>nd</sup> half of Autumn Term – Walk Like an Egyptian** (history). Maths – place value, number and fractions. English – Egypt theme – diary writing, descriptive writing and story writing.

**Spring Term – It's A Kind Of Magic** (science). Maths – place value, four operations, measures, data, graphs, fractions and decimals. English – Book focus the Harry Potter series and 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret', letter writing and story writing.

**Summer Term – We Will Rock You** – The Stone Age (geography/history). Maths – place value, four operations, shape, graphs, symmetry, angles, area and perimeter. English – character description and non-fiction writing.

**Expectations:** We do expect children to follow our 3 school rules 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'. We aim for increasing levels of independence from the children now they are in year four.

**Homework:** Weekly maths and/or English homework in homework books, set on **Tuesdays** due in **Mondays**, we advise 15-20 minutes per piece, children do not have to spend longer than this on their homework and can always extend themselves with similar questions. Feedback is welcomed – a short note if they struggled or you supported. Project activities will be set after half term. Children choose 2 activities from a project grid to complete each half term. Reading – encourage daily reading to be recorded in new reading record book. Reading books and record books should come to school every day and will come home every evening. Encourage children to use times tables rock stars at home if possible. If your child becomes distressed in the completion of homework please do not feel that they have to continue.

**Planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA):** For part of Wednesday mornings the children will be taught by Ms Wakeling and Ms Chambers for RE and PE.

**PE:** Please make sure your child's PE kit is in school every Monday and taken home on a Wednesday. Both classes will usually have PE/Games on a Monday and a Wednesday. If earrings cannot be removed for PE/Games, please provide tape for your child to tape up their earrings. We are unable to lend PE kit at this time.

**Important dates:** The national year four multiplication test (online) will be towards the end of the academic year, as far as we know. The practice that they get in lessons and on Timestables Rockstars will be excellent as a way of preparing for this test but any further practice that they can get at home would be a bonus.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November is Egyptian craft day in Year 4 – non uniform, no need for costumes, more information to follow.

As always, we are here if you have any queries or questions.

Best wishes, the Year 4 team.

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